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GST COLLECTION DECLINES TO ₹1.29 LAKH CRORE IN DEC

The month's GST mop-up is slightly lower than the figures for November, which were the second highest since 2017

REVENUE RISES 13% YEAR-ON-YEAR

The Goods and Services Tax collection, an indicator of economic health, is 13% higher than it was in December 2020, due to a pickup in activity and anti-evasion steps, the government said. December is the sixth month in a row that the collection stood at over ₹1 lakh crore. The CGST was ₹22,578 crore, SGST ₹28,658 crore, IGST ₹69,155 crore and cess ₹9,389 crore

GOVT EXPECTS BETTER MOP-UP IN Q4

- The average monthly collection for the third quarter (October-December) was ₹1.30 lakh crore, up from ₹1.10 lakh crore and ₹1.15 lakh crore in the first and second quarters, respectively
- The ministry said it expects the positive trend in revenue to continue in the fourth quarter of the financial year | P12

5%

FOOD DELIVERY PLATFORMS TO COLLECT & PAY GST FROM JANUARY 1

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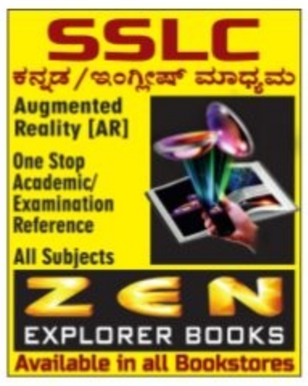

EXPRESS READ

Top crypto service providers raided

New Delhi: The Directorate General of Goods and Service Tax Intelligence has reportedly raided half a dozen offices of cryptocurrency service providers and uncovered massive tax evasion. The searches were carried out in the backdrop of massive tax evasion by WazirX.

4 killed in landslide at mining site in Haryana

Haryana: Four people were killed and around 20 others trapped following a landslide at Dadam mining zone in Bhiwani district of Haryana on Saturday. Till evening, three people were rescued while four bodies were pulled out of the rubble. Sources said rescue work is going on. | P10

India, Pak exchange list of nuclear sites

New Delhi: Continuing a 31-year practice, India and Pakistan on Saturday exchanged a list of their nuclear installations under a bilateral pact that prohibits the two sides from attacking each other's atomic facilities, the Ministry of External Affairs said.

Four workers killed in TN cracker unit blaze

Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu): Four workers were killed and eight others injured in a fire accident at a fireworks unit on Saturday at a village near here. It is yet to be ascertained if the blast and resultant blaze was due to inappropriate handling of chemical compounds or not.

LOOKING AHEAD 2022 STATE WILL WITNESS POLITICAL CHURN P4

12 dead in stampede at Vaishno Devi shrine

Two women among dead, 16 hurt in the incident that happened around 2.45 am; J&K govt sets up three-member panel to probe

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

AT least 12 pilgrims, including two women, were killed and 16 others injured in a stampede at the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Katra of Jammu & Kashmir in the wee hours on Saturday.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has set up a high-level inquiry panel headed by Principal Secretary (Home) Shaleen Kabra, with Divisional Commissioner Jammu Rajiv Langar and Additional Director General of Police Mukesh Singh as its members. The panel will probe the reason behind the stampede and fix responsibility, and submit its report within a week.

While pilgrims blamed the mismanagement of the temple administration, the Shrine board, chaired by Lt Governor Sinha, denied the charges saying all necessary arrangements were made in view of the expected rush. In a statement, the board claimed a scuffle between two groups led to the incident.

The stampede took place around 2.45 am near Gate No 3 when a large number of devotees queued up to have darshan of the sanctum sanctorum inside the cave shrine on Trikuta hills in Katra.

"There was a slope and somebody pushed and due to it some devotees fell on the ground and it led to a stampede," said Naresh, an eyewitness.

Director General of Police Dilbag Singh, who visited the site, said all aspects will be probed. "The area is narrow and people ran helter-skelter without knowing the reason. Most of the deaths have taken place due to suffocation and most of the injuries are also due to the same reason," he said.

Of the 12 dead, seven are from Uttar Pradesh, three from Delhi and one each from Haryana and J&K.

'Scuffle between two groups led to incident'

The Mata Vaishno Devi Shrine Board said "a scuffle between two groups of pilgrims" led to the incident, adding that only 35,000 pilgrims were allowed against the normal 50,000. The helpline numbers are: DC Reasi Control Room: 01991- 245763 / 9419839557, PCR Katra: 01991-232010/9419145182, and PCR Reasi: 01991245076/9622856295

> There was a huge rush of devotees but the flow was not managed properly. Even the yatra passes and Covid test reports were not checked
>
> Sandeep Kumar, an eyewitness

Relatives frantically looking for missing devotees | PTI

TIKAIT

SAYS MSP PANEL NOT FOR LEADERS FIGHTING POLLS

Bharatiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait has demanded that the Union leaders who fight the polls should not be part of the committee on Minimum Support Price to be formed by the Central Government | P10

K'taka adds over 1,000 cases in a day

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YEAR 2022 opened on a grim note with the state reporting 1,033 fresh Covid cases on Saturday, pushing the number of active cases to well over the 9,000-mark.

In a strong indicator of the resurgence of Covid cases and coming of a third wave, Karnataka recorded 1,000-plus cases for the first time since September 17, 2021, when the state saw 1,003 cases. According to the health department data, after October 6 — when the state saw 523 cases — Karnataka witnessed a 500-plus additions on December 29 with 566 cases. Just three days later, fresh cases have jumped almost two-fold, pointing to an increasingly rapid spread of the Covid infection, with many likely to be the Omicron variant of SARS-CoV-2 virus. However, the Omicron tally across the state is still small with only 66 positive cases found among the 30,08,370 who have tested positive so far through the pandemic.

The number of active cases, however, jumped from 8,712 on Friday to 9,386 on Saturday, recording a 7.73 per cent rise.

Bengaluru, which has been driving the surge, added 810 of the state's 1,033 cases. Active cases in the city jumped from 5,890 cases on December 25 to 7,876 on Saturday, recording a rise of 8.09 per cent. P3

A health worker collects swab samples in Bengaluru on Saturday | ASHISHKRISHNA H P

NATIONWIDE	DEC 31	JAN 1
Fresh cases	16,764	22,775
Recoveries	7,585	8,949
Deaths	220	406

KARNATAKA	DEC 31	JAN 1
Fresh cases	832	1,033
Recoveries	335	354
Deaths	8	5

JAB-O-METER
TAKE YOUR SHOT
December 31
52,29,437 doses
January 1
22,56,362 doses
TOTAL DOSES
1,49,40,51,828

Minister Nagesh tests Covid +ve

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PRIMARY and Secondary Education Minister BC Nagesh too tested positive for Covid on Saturday. The minister, who took to Twitter to announce that he has tested positive for COVID-19, stated, "I am quarantining and taking medical treatment. I request those who came in contact with me to get themselves tested for COVID-19."

Nagesh told The New Sunday Express that he has mild symptoms. He has now isolated himself at his home in Tiptur.

Tumakuru District Health Officer MB Nagendrappa said that the minister is stable and has quarantined himself.

Industries to get land on 10-year lease, can own property after 2 yrs

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THE state government is proposing changes in provisions of the Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB), which will allow handing over of land to industries on a 10-year lease, instead of the present 99 years, and to sell properties to companies once they run their units successfully for a minimum of two years.

The changes were proposed after talks with senior officials of the industries department and other stakeholders in August and September, said Large and Medium Industries Minister Murugesh R Nirani.

The minister's office stated that the state cabinet recently cleared the proposal, while Nirani explained that industrialists are at present hesitating to invest in the state because of the existing policy. "The KIADB in future will allot all land to private industries/institutions on a 10-year lease cum sale basis. Rules are being framed for the new scheme and a full-fledged government order is expected to be issued over the next few days," he said.

"The 99-year lease clause was posing difficulties for industries to get loans, source capital and mortgage leased land. This hampered the flow of investment," he added.

The new amendment proposes that if any industry runs successfully for two years after getting the land allotted, it will qualify to get a clear sale deed from KIADB, he said. The department will monitor the balance sheet of industries for 24 months and proceed with the sale of land once it is convinced that the unit was being run successfully. "The amendment is expected to encourage industries to expand and invest more as the allotted land will be under their ownership," Nirani added.

Real estate guidance value reduced by 10%

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IN a New Year gift, the Karnataka government on Saturday reduced the guidance value of immovable properties across the state by 10 per cent for three months from January 1, 2022, which is expected to give a boost to the economy and allow the government to recover the loss in revenue suffered due to the Covid pandemic.

While reviewing the progress of the Department of Stamps and Registration on December 8, 2021, it was found that there was a deficit of Rs 2,021 crore in revenue collection during 2019-20.

Taking a cue from the Delhi government's decision to cut the guidance value by 20 per cent that resulted in a hike in revenue generation, the department had sent a proposal to the government to relax it by 10 per cent.

Inspector-General of Registration and Commissioner of Stamps Ravindra PN issued the order on Saturday.

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KARNATAKA EXCISE REVENUE UP BY 15 PC

Bengaluru: The Karnataka Excise Department has achieved a 15 per cent increase in revenue collection between April and December 2021-22, compared with the corresponding period in 2020-21, despite the second consecutive pandemic year. Official data showed that the department raked in ₹19,306.44 crore in revenue between April and December last year, compared to ₹16,786.78 crore in 2020-21 during the said period. P4

Omicron in 22% virus samples nationally

SUMI SUKANYA DUTTA @ New Delhi

OMICRON is fast spreading to be the most dominant coronavirus strain in India, with its presence being found in over 22% samples collected from communities nationally.

The highest proportion of over 55% Omicron samples has been confirmed in Delhi and Maharashtra, the two states experiencing a near-exponential rise in Covid-19 cases, officials in INSACOG, a consortium of 38 laboratories, told this newspaper. INSACOG is India's genomic surveillance project for the coronavirus.

"In several cities, mainly Delhi and Mumbai, Omicron is already the dominant variant," said a senior official in the National Centre for Disease Control. The NCDC, which is under the Union health ministry, oversees INSACOG.

As of Saturday, India had 1,431 confirmed cases of the Omicron variant with the highest tallies from the national capital and Maharashtra. On Saturday evening, Delhi reported 2,716 fresh Covid-19 cases, West Bengal 4,512 and Maharashtra 9,170.

With the current rising trend in India's virus cases, biostatisticians are estimating that the number of daily infections can go past 1 lakh within a week.

While there is growing evidence that Omicron may be milder than Delta that caused a massive wave of Covid-19 infection last summer, authorities are worried that a sudden influx of too many patients in hospitals can still lead to a collapse of the healthcare system.

The concern has resulted in the Centre sending several advisories and guidelines to states over the last few days, suggesting rapid escalation in containment and case management measures. P9,14

> The fact that Delta was overtaken by Omicron so quickly in big cities is yet another reminder that this virus will sweep the entire country in weeks. The ascent and descent may be much faster than previous waves
>
> Senior official, National Centre for Disease Control

INTERVIEW

No one can stop Cong from coming to power: DKS

In a chat with TNSE, KPCC chief D K Shivakumar says no one can stop the party from coming to power in the state and adds that the BJP is trying to create confusion about differences between Congress leaders |P4

Jamia, IIT-D among 6K without FCRA nod

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

DAYS after the Union home ministry rejected the licence renewal for foreign funding for the Mother Teresa-founded Missionaries of Charity, the licences of thousands of organisations, including IIT Delhi, Jamia Millia Islamia, Indian Medical Association and Lady Shri Ram College for Women, ceased to exist or expired on Saturday.

The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) licences of 5,789 entities expired because they did not apply for renewal. The ministry rejected the renewal application of 179 other organisations. These organisations can no longer accept donations from abroad.

As many as 18,778 entities' licences were due to expire between September 29, 2020, and December 31. Among them, 12,989 had applied for renewal.

There were 22,762 FCRA-registered organisations till Friday, but on Saturday the number came down to 16,829.

Among those whose registrations lapsed were The Medical Council of India, Emmanuel Hospital Association (which runs over a dozen hospitals), Tubercolosis Association Of India, Vishwa Dharamayatan, Maharishi Ayurveda Pratishthan and National Federation Of Fishermen's Cooperatives.

IIT Delhi

Oxfam also in the list

The entities whose FCRA registrations expired include Oxfam India, Godrej Memorial Trust, The Delhi Public School Society, Nuclear Science Centre in JNU, and India Habitat Centre

GOING BACK TO ROOTS

Techie-turned-farmer teaches kids about forgotten flora

DONNA EVA @Bengaluru

HE is a storehouse of knowledge on Indian trees, plants and herbs, and in his farm, which is nothing like the traditional set-up, the flora grows wildly and naturally. Srivathsa Govindaraju, a software engineer-turned-farmer, started his farm 13 years ago with the intent of "respecting nature as it is and to understand how it functions".

From teaching families to forage to providing forestry training to police in their bid to fight Naxalites, he has done it all. Now, he looks towards collaborating with educational institutions and teaching children about a number of vital issues plaguing the agricultural industry through sustainable farming.

"India is blessed with a fantastic resource pool of plants and trees that we are forgetting and neglecting. We need to do more research and understand our ecosystem to know how it functions, which is why I have set up this farm to be a biodiversity awareness centre" he told The New Sunday Express.

His farm, 'Nature Inspires - Chiguru Ecospace', at Singadasanahalli village near Magadi spreads across 13 acres. "It doesn't please the eye and it looks wild. But it has a functioning ecosystem, which is something I work to retain," he says.

The farm has over 300 species of plants and trees, all either edible or used for medicinal purposes. CONTINUED ON: P5

Children learn the nitty gritties of organic farming at the farm of Srivathsa Govindaraju (left) at Singadasanahalli village near Magadi | EXPRESS

ALMANAC TODAY
• **Sunday :** 02/01/2022 • **Year:** Plava • **Ayana:** Dakshinayna
• **Ritu:** Himantha • **Masa:** Margashira • **Paksha:** Krishna • **Tithi:** Amavasya 12.25 am
• **Nakshatra:** Moola 4.43 pm • Moon in Makara Rashi • **Rahukaala:** 04:30 pm to 06:00pm
• **Gulikakala:** 03:00 pm to 04:30 pm • **Yamaganda:** 12:00 pm to 01:30 pmm

WEATHER
MIN 17°C | MAX 26°C
FORECAST
Decreasing cloudiness

Sunrise 6.42 am
Sunset 6.05 pm
Moonrise 6.04 pm
Moonset 5.41 pm

The spirits of God that come alive during the festivities | THE MEMORY WRITERS

Carnival time in Kodagu

October to June marks the festival season, when each village celebrates its indigenous tribal culture with music, dance and rituals, and binds all generations of the community

PRAJNA GR @ Madikeri

KAVERI Sankramana', a festival celebrated in Kodagu in the month of October, marks the beginning of a season of indigenous festivals across the district, with each village gearing up for a unique show of rituals and traditions. These festivals bring out the tribal culture of the land and showcase the folkloric richness of the Kodavas. Among the 35 provinces of Kodava land, the 276 'keri' or villages celebrate the festivals between October and June, which have stood the test of time and waves of modernisation.

"A Mahadeva for each province, Povvadi (Parvathi) for each hometown, Aiyappa for each village, Natha (snake god) for each lane and Puda (indigenous soil lord) for each family," goes a Kodava saying. This is reflected in the many festivals which unite the people of this quaint land.

"Kodagu province was ruled by many kingdoms. The festivities observed till date in each village date back to the Haleri kingdom's rule," shared Bacharaniyanda Appanna, a Kodava historian.

Each village carnival has its roots in folklore, with compelling stories that narrate the importance of land and close connections to the concept of nature worship. Bright colours, earthy music and traditional dances mark the festivals, as beats from traditional drums and cymbals match the folk songs, woven with messages of the mythological importance of festivals. Men and women dress in their traditional best for this season of festivities, and the rituals follow a similar pattern across all villages, yet are unique to their regions.

"Among the 56 kingdoms in Bharata Kanda (country), one kingdom is Kodagu which is as small as the point of a needle and as brilliant as pieces of a diamond. This kingdom has 35 naad (provinces) and these provinces have 276 keris (villages). The province currently has 882 okkas (families) and indigenous festivals are observed by families in every village," explained Chokanda Suraj, General Manager of Fort Mercara.

Alongside narrating tales of the unity of the land, these festivities demand that stringent norms be followed. Every village festival witnesses celebrations for nearly 15 days, and the rituals involve rules like like prohibition of meat, compulsory return to the village before sunset, and ban on cutting of trees or weeds. These restrictions are passed on through generations through the unique 'Tappadak' song that is sung by 'thakkas' (religious heads) leading these festivities.

Since tribal Kodavas are worshippers of nature and ancestors, these festivities demand a special reverence for nature, which comes alive during the celebrations. Traditional dances take inspiration from the natural surroundings and there are also instances of peacock feather dances being performed during certain village fests. Tribal culture is also highlighted as aspects of hunting and valour of warriors are depicted in the form of traditional dance performances.

'The deity 'Kaad Aiyappa' is the manifestation of Lord Mahadeva, and the Bhagavathi Goddess who is worshipped during the festivities symbolises nature. There is a popular festival called 'Bodu Namme' where people cross-dress and pray to Goddess Kali," explained Suraj. The interesting point is that these festivals are celebrated after agricultural activities in the field are concluded. "These festivals unite villagers. The strict norms mandated for the festivities can be scientifically connected to the path to a healthy life," he opined.

While 'Kailpodh', 'Edamyar', 'Puthari' and Kaveri Sankramana are the main festivals of the community and have been celebrated since ancestral times. Hearteningly, they are now being passed on to the younger generations. "In the past three years, participation of youngsters in these festivities has increased. Everyone is coming back to their roots. The festivities have been held since ages, they are happening now and they will continue to survive," said Suraj. Further, many religious heads and organisations in the community are involved in documenting these indigenous festivals and passing them on to youngsters.

The deity blesses devotees during the celebration

Kodagu province was ruled by many kingdoms. The festivities observed in each village date back to the Haleri kingdom's rule

Bacharaniyanda Appanna, Kodava historian

Bhadrakali Temple festival at Etekari Naad

A snapshot of Boddu Namme

The festivities at Kokeri village

ART WALL FOR WELLNESS

An artist from Madhya Pradesh and his team transform the walls of a Gadag-based naturopathy centre into a Gond tribal art canvas

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

THE KH Patil Institute of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences near Hulkoti, a quaint village in Gadag district, is a destination known for wellness of the body and mind. Lately, however, it has also emerged as a location that provides a different kind of 'wellness', one associated with the artistic soul.

The place is a treasure trove of artwork and creativity, with connoisseurs from near and far thronging to catch a glimpse of Gond tribal art, which dot its walls and interiors.

The Gonds are an indigenous tribe who primarily call Madhya Pradesh home. The name 'Gond' is derived from the word 'Konda', meaning hill. They are an ancient people, with their paintings alone boasting a history of at least 1,400 years. Even today, the visualisation presented in their art is an imitation of cave paintings dating back to the Mesolithic Age.

The Gond paintings are unique in several ways -- they depict animals, plants and scenes from daily life, which are rendered in a colourful, highly patterned style, comparable to aboriginal art.

The paintings offer glimpses of fish, crabs, peafowl, lions, tigers, deer, monkeys, horses and elephants, among other fauna, besides a common feature in most works -- a Mahua tree. They also present scenes of people involved in occupations and lifestyles from the days gone by, and the tribe's connect with nature.

Artist Pradeep Marave and one of his team's works (top and right) at the KH Patil Institute of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences.

Adding life to walls

How these paintings from outside Karnataka found their way to the walls of a naturopathy institute in Gadag is an interesting tale.

Around three months ago, Prof T V Kattimani, vice-chancellor of Central Tribal University of Andhra Pradesh, was on a morning walk with Dr SR Naganur, administrator of the centre, and Gadag MLA Dr HK Patil inside the campus, when he noticed its bare walls. He felt that if the walls had any art or colour on them, it would add more beauty, life and serenity to the place. He suggested embellishing the walls with Gond paintings and assigned an artist Pradeep Marave, who along with his family and three other artists, worked tirelessly for 30 days to execute the project.

"I had visited Hulkoti's naturopathy and yogic sciences centre and expressed my idea of bringing Gond paintings here. I called Pradeep, an artist from Madhya Pradesh, and asked him if he could come over and create traditional Gond paintings on the campus. He agreed. People from across Karnataka already visit this naturopathy centre for healing and these paintings will now lend an additional dose of relaxation," says Prof Kattimani.

Pointing at a work and elucidating the deep message that this intricate art conveys, Dr Naganur says, "Take, for instance, a painting of this deer holding a precious plant. It seems to be looking for food here and there. This means that we have everything with us, but still look elsewhere. These paintings never carry the signatures of the artist, while they express the relationship between humans and nature. One can experience a culture in its entirety by just walking through the campus and catching these meaningful works of art."

Artist Marave said, "We hail from Dindori district's Garakamatta village. My wife Dhaneshwari and daughter Priyanka are also artists. We have now undertaken a project at the Rural Development and Panchayat Raj University. Earlier, we used mud colours from MP, but are now using paints available at local markets. Our unique paintings have gradually gained popularity across the country and abroad."

Art is an intrinsic part of Gond life and ethos, which has today gifted a natural and earthy vibe to the naturopathy centre.

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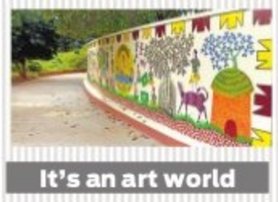

It's an art world

When one enters the premises of KH Patil Institute of Naturopathy and Yogic Sciences, a sense of nature and art envelopes the person. Sculptures depicting Lord Dhanvantari, Sushruta Maharshi operating on a patient, and villagers having a meal, besides a wide variety of trees and creatively-built structures, provide the campus an ethereal feel. Then there are a host of medicinal plants too.

CM to discuss city development today

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@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai is scheduled to hold a meeting on Sunday with his cabinet colleagues who represent Bengaluru in the Assembly. The CM is expected to discuss the development of the IT capital and implementation of several projects which were put on the backburner.

Ministers V Somanna, Dr C N Ashwatha Narayan, S T Somashekar, Byrati Basavaraju, R Ashoka, K Gopalaiah and Muniratna will be taking part in the meeting at CM's home office 'Krishna' at 10 am. Parliament members, legislators from different parties and the officers concerned will take part virtually.

The meeting is to send a clear message that the Bharatiya Janata Party dispensation in the state is giving utmost importance for the development of the IT capital, it is being said. Pending projects including the Cauvery Phase-IV, to provide drinking water to 110 villages under the BBMP jurisdiction will be discussed, according to sources.

The filling of potholes and an elevated road towards Kempegowda international airport may also figure in the discussions, they added.

The meeting is crucial for the BJP ahead of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike polls, and also the Congress, which has planned a 75-km padayatra from Mekedatu to Bengaluru over the issue of implementing the Mekedatu drinking water project.

Energy Dept approaches govt, KERC to encourage more EVs

BOSKY KHANNA @ Bengaluru

THE Energy Department is pitching with the State Government and the Karnataka Electricity Regulatory Commission (KERC) to extend support for giving a push to electric vehicles in the IT capital.

As per available records, there are 136 charging stations set up by Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Ltd (Bescom) and around 30 stations by private firms. The concentration of charging stations is more in tech parks and in areas like Whitefield and Electronics City, where many software professionals reside and work. Charging stations are also set up in BBMP, BDA, Bescom and other government offices in the city. There are over 35,000 EVs in the city.

"Earlier, the limited number of charging stations was an issue for people to buy electric vehicles (EVs). This is not the case anymore. There are enough stations now and more are coming up. As per the feedback obtained, a major deterrent is the high cost of vehicles. So, we are asking the government to come up with subsidy schemes for purchasing and recharging vehicles in the upcoming state budget. We are also asking the KERC to come up with incentive schemes in tariffs for installing charging stations at homes and apartment complexes," a senior Bescom official said.

The official added that discussions with companies have also cleared doubts that there is no impact on EVs due to bad roads. The misconception that Electric Vehicle's are not all-weather vehicles are also being cleared.

The EVs which are presently plying on city roads, especially two-wheelers, can be charged with the same socket used for refrigerators and air-conditioners. He mentioned that despite repeated awareness efforts, many apartment complexes are also going slow on setting up community panels.

"At present, the subsidy for the vehicle is given to the manufacturer, but the buyer has no incentive There is also a rise in cost by 25- 30 per cent for EVs, when compared to conventional vehicles. To address the issue, talks are being held with the State Government and the Commission," an official from the Energy Department added.

NEW START

1) Devotees offer prayers at St. Marys Basilica church on the first day of New year

2) Priests conduct puja at Bull Temple, in Basavanagudi on Saturday | EXPRESS

EXPRESS READ

Manivannan transferred to Dept of Minorities

Bengaluru : Senior IAS officer P Manivannan has been transferred as Secretary to the Department of Minorities on Saturday. He was earlier serving as Secretary to the Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department. Meanwhile, Salma Fahim, who was heading the Department of Infrastructure Development, has been posted as Secretary to the Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Department.Also, senior IAS officer BH Anilkumar, who is serving as Additional Chief Secretary to the Department of Public Enterprises, has been given additional charge as Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Infrastructure Development.

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At least 27 devotees fell sick after consuming 'prasadam' at the Gangamma Temple in Beeragahalli of Srinivasapura taluk in Kolar district on Saturday. Ten among the 27 are children. All of them have been admitted in Srinivasapura Government Hospital

TRACKING COVID-19

DURATION OF PANDEMIC
1 YEAR, 298 DAYS

CASES REPORTED
Today: 1,033 | Yesterday: 832

TALLY
Today: 30,08,370
Yesterday: 30,07,337

DEATHS	DISCHARGES
Today: 5	Today: 354
Yesterday: 8	Yesterday: 335

ACTIVE CASES
Today: 9,386
Yesterday: 8,712

POSITIVITY RATE	MORTALITY RATE
Today: 5.31%	Today: 1.27%
Yesterday: 5.32%	Yesterday: 1.27%

RECOVERY RATE Today: 98.41% Yesterday: 98.43%

DISTRICT-WISE COVID CASES
LAST 24 HOURS

Bengaluru Urban	810
Bengaluru Rural	6
Bagalkot	0
Ballari	3
Belagavi	10
Bidar	2
Chamarajanagar	2
Chikkaballapur	0
Chikkamagaluru	10
Chitradurga	4
Dakshina Kannada	48
Davanagere	0
Dharwad	9
Gadag	0
Hassan	5
Haveri	0
Kalaburagi	8
Kodagu	13
Kolar	6
Koppal	0
Mandya	23
Mysuru	29
Raichur	0
Ramanagara	0
Shivamogga	3
Tumakuru	8
Udupi	28
Uttara Kannada	5
Vijayapura	1
Yadgir	0

State ready with 20 lakh Covaxin doses for teens

Stock of 25 lakh doses of Covishield available, more coming

RANJANI MADHAVAN @Bengaluru

A medic prepares a shot of Covid-19 vaccine in Bengaluru | ASHISHKRISHNA HP

ON Monday, the State Government will kick off the Covaxin drive for the 15-18 years age group in schools and PU colleges. National Health Mission Managing Director Arundhathi Chandrashekar said the state currently has 20 lakh doses of Covaxin available to vaccinate children against Covid-19.

"The Centre is ready to send more as per Karnataka's requirement. We also have 25 lakh doses of Covishield with 10-12 lakh more doses of it coming on Saturday. These will be available to be used for the precautionary doses from January 10," she added.

Karnataka has to vaccinate 31.75 lakh children between the age of 15 and 18 years. It is estimated that there are 15.31 lakh people aged above 60 years with co-morbidities, who will be eligible for the precautionary dose. As the vaccine is safe and the Technical Advisory Committee has approved it, it can be given to this age group who are almost adults, said Dr Asha Benakappa, head of the Department of Paediatrics, Chandramma Dayananda Sagar Institute of Medical Education and Research, adding that it is better to vaccinate them to get herd immunity.

"The virus will be around for a while and hardly any reactions have been observed with Covaxin. Pandemic fatigue has set in, affecting the mental health of children. They have the fear now that they are not yet vaccinated and they are at a crucial point in deciding their careers. Vaccines can offer them some protection from serious infection and mortality," Dr Asha explained.

As for the Under-12 age group, however, she said it is better to wait and watch how children between 15 and 18 years respond. "We do not know how the immunological response will be in children below 12 years of age. Most of them who get Covid-19 are asymptomatic and there are hardly any deaths, so why waste the vaccines on them? Let's shift the vaccines to the 15-18 years age group, wherein, statistics have shown that this age group is expected to get serious infection. Hence, they require the vaccines, with yearly boosters similar to influenza," Dr Asha added.

Similarly, Dr Srikanta J T, Consultant, Paediatric Interventional Pulmonology and Sleep Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital, who is also a member of the state Covid-19 committee set up to tackle the third wave, said that even though we still do not have enough data on the efficacy of vaccines, since vaccination with Covaxin started, especially among kids, it seems to be a safe bet due to the known technology as well as predictable adverse effects. Moving forward, this should not only help mitigate the risk of infectiousness but also the severity, if any, in all the age groups, he added.

No plans of lockdown yet

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WITH the upward spiral in active cases, the state's recovery rate has been sliding over the past few days.

It had reached a peak of 98.50 per cent on November 30, which has now slid to 98.41 per cent and is likely to fall further if high number of cases are to be added. Bengaluru's recovery rate has done even worse, falling to 98.07 per cent from a high of 98.31 per cent on November 30.

Though the situation is clearly worsening, a possible lockdown again seems a distant reality with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai specifying that it could be considered if the state's weekly test positivity rate crossed over 5 per cent.

SOCIAL, NO DISTANCING

With strict curbs in place for New Year's Eve, Church Street, a favourite haunt, was bustling on Saturday. Bengaluru has been seeing a resurgence in Covid cases of late | SHRIRAM BN

Gadag residents tense after woman tests +ve

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @Gadag

GADAG residents are worried about Omicron spread after a woman traveller from Mumbai tested positive for Covid-19 on Friday. The woman was on her way to Hampi. She came to Gadag and was going in a taxi when a random test was performed. Health officials are now checking her primary and secondary contacts.

Gadag district reported less Covid-19 cases in December with zero positivity rate after the second wave. But the news of the Mumbai woman created a sense of fear on the first day of the New Year.

The woman arrived with a group of 15 people and all of them tested negative. But fellow travellers and stall owners of Gadag railway station were in fear as she visited some stalls on Friday.

Health officials shifted her to Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences and her sample has been sent for genome sequencing test.

A health official said, "We did the RAT test of all travellers but by the time we came to know that it was positive, the woman had visited the railway station and visited the stalls. We immediately tracked her and told her that she had tested positive. Other travellers who came with her group also worried about the possibility of Omicron. We have sent the sample and are waiting for the report."

318 vehicles seized for violating night curfew rules

BENGALURU: City police seized as many as 318 vehicles for violating night curfew norms on New Year's eve. "The seized vehicles include 280 two-wheelers, 28 four-wheelers and 10 three-wheelers. The motorists were roaming without any purpose beyond the night curfew deadline," a police officer said.

Meanwhile, Ramanagara police arrested a resort owner for allowing people to camp in his property. According to the police, the resort owner had permitted more than 400 people, including children, to use the resort. Tents were also erected outside the resort. Police rushed to the spot and warned the public to vacate or face legal action. The resort owner, Swamy, was booked under the Disaster Management Act. ENS

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
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SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

1) Details of works : On behalf of Governor of Karnataka as per KTTP Amendment 1999-2000 Act 2000 Standard Bid Document KW-2, 3 & 4 Karnataka Public Works Department invites item Rate Tender by One Cover and Two Cover System Through e-Procurement Portal from Eligible Agency/Contractors for following works pertaining to Yadgir Taluka-01 Nos. Shahapur Taluka-02 Nos. & Shorapur Taluka-01 Nos. Under 3054 Flood Damage, the Work Indent No's are as follows, Yadgir-(1)145808, Shahapur-(1)145759 and (2)145783. Shorapur-(1)145764. 2) Estimate Cost : Minimum Rs 30.00 Lakhs and Maximum Rs.200.00 Lakhs, 3) Contractor Eligible Details : Class-3th & Above (As per rule), 4) Tender Procesing Fee and EMD Details : Tender Fee as per e-proc and EMD Minimum Rs 52800.00 and Maximum Rs.2,64,000.00, 5) Date & Time for Pre-Bid Meeting : 04.01.2022 (11.30 hrs) (For KW-4 Works), 6) Date & Time for receipt of queries : 06.01.2022 (17.30 hrs), 7) Last Date & Time for submission of the tender in e-procurement portal : 13.01.2022 (16.00 hrs), 8) Date & Time of Opening of the Financial Bid : 15.01.2022 (11.30 hrs)(For KW-2 Works), 9) Date & Time of Opening of the Technical Bid : 15.01.2022 (11.30 hrs)(For KW-3 & 4 Works), 10) Date & Time of Opening of the Financial Bid : 17.01.2022 (11.30 hrs)(For KW-3 & 4 Works), 11) For More Details Contact : Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Division : Yadgir. 12) Website Address : **www.e-proc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
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The State Government on Saturday released the second instalment of Rs 685 crore under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme. This amount, which is part of the Rs 4,000 crore the State Government had announced for farmers, has been credited into the accounts of 34.26 lakh farmers.

SUNDAY INTERVIEW

DKS: No one can stop Cong from coming to power

RAMU PATIL @Bengaluru

ENTHUSED by the party's good performance in the recent elections, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D K Shivakumar says no one can stop the party from coming to power in the state and adds that the BJP is trying to create confusion about differences between Congress leaders. He is now busy drumming up support for a 10-day padayatra from January 9, to demand implementation of the Mekedatu drinking water and balancing reservoir project.

Why the Mekedatu padayatra now?
Everything has been completed for taking up the Mekedatu project and the DPR (detailed project report) has been accepted. The Central Government has to give Environmental Clearance. Why are they delaying it, now that Tamil Nadu elections are over and there is no question of pleasing them? The entire country is looking at Bengaluru, which is growing at a rapid pace, and we are facing a drinking water shortage. Why should you waste time? The project cost was Rs 5,000 crore when Siddaramaiah was the CM, and when I (as Water Resources Minister) gave the proposal, it went up to Rs 9,000 crore. If you delay more, it will go up to Rs 20,000 crore. The Centre should immediately give permission to start the work. There is also a Supreme Court judgment that you need not take an NoC (No Objection Certificate) from any of the states for a drinking water project. You need political will to start the project.

Your critics say this is an effort to consolidate your hold in the region?
We are least bothered about what our opponents are saying. We are a political party with a history of struggle and fighting for the cause of people. That is in our blood.

How do you look at the results of Urban Local Bodies polls and other elections?
The results indicate that there should be a change in Karnataka for the betterment and progress of the state as the 'double-engine' governments have failed on all fronts in Karnataka. The Congress will be the alternative. They have failed miserably in all constituencies, including the ones represented by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai and other senior leaders.

How do you look at 2022 in terms of preparing the party for assembly polls next year?
We had declared 2021 as a year of organisation, a year of struggle, a year of the voice of people and fighting for the cause of people. We will continue to do that more aggressively in 2022 and convince the people of Karnataka.

Why is Congress opposing the government's plans to free temples from government control?
They are changing a system that has been in place for over a 100 years. Temples are administered by the government, they are the treasure of the state and people. We will not allow them to hand over temples to BJP workers. The government took over the temples to give freedom to people of all sections as only upper caste people were controlling them. Now, they are going back to that. There is a lot of jewellery and properties with temples.

The government is firm on going ahead with the Anti-Conversion Law.
We will have a Congress government in the next one-and-half year, we will roll it back.

The BJP says there are differences between Shivakumar and Siddaramaiah?
They are just trying to create it. I don't have any differences with anyone. They know that united we fight, no one can stop us. I am not in the race for anything. I am in the race only to bring the Congress party to power in the state. First, we want to come to power, that's all.

Bommai will lead BJP's Assembly poll charge: Joshi

AMIT S UPADHYE @Hubballi

THE BJP central leadership is happy with Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's work and there is no question of change in guard in Karnataka. The State Government has done the right thing in tabling the anti-conversion Bill as forceful conversion is harmful to society, Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Coals and Mines, Pralhad Joshi, tells TNSE. Excerpts from an interview:

There has been talk about a change of guard in the state again. Despite warnings from the BJP leadership, party leaders continue to fuel speculation.
I have said at many forums that Karnataka will approach the next elections under the leadership of current Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai. He is doing good work. Party national general secretary Arun Singh has also praised his work. Bringing him was a collective decision of the central leadership. There has been talk about a change of guard only in the media, which is not true. A few weeks ago, senior BJP leader K S Eshwarappa's statements were misinterpreted. There are no official statements on change of chief minister from any authorised leader or spokesperson of the BJP.

The anti conversion Bill was passed in the Assembly. In the meantime, multiple cases of attacks on Christians have been reported.
Our government will protect every citizen and everybody has the right to practice their religion. But there have been efforts to show one religion in poor light, leading to forceful conversions. Luring someone by talking lowly about a religion cannot be tolerated. The government is doing the right thing in bringing the Act.

Coal shortage has become a regular phenomenon. What are you doing to address this problem?
Presently, most of the coal-based power plants have stock for 12 days. All units have been asked to maintain this reserve. For many years, the Congress government kept running the power plants on imported coal. There could have been efforts to mine our own coal. India has the fourth largest coal deposit in the world and we must look to produce our own coal. The supply chain from foreign countries has been restored and the issue of coal shortage has been addressed. There was shortage for a few weeks due to the extended monsoon.

There was a war of words during the recent Parliament session and repeated disruptions. How will you address these issues as Parliamentary Affairs Minister?
In a democracy, opposition can be tolerated to some extent. But what the Opposition parties are doing is seen by all. Most of the sessions were disrupted and leaders like Rahul Gandhi and Mamata Banarjee are behind these disruptions. The leaders behaved in an unruly manner, even abusing the marshals in the House. The people of India have voted for Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2014 and 2019. It's for the people to decide whether the government is doing work or not.

Of late, BJP leaders have taken a break from the development agenda and are talking about Hindutva. What is your take on this?
Hindutva is a belief and there is nothing wrong in it. We are only projecting development works taken up by the Central Government under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Our government is pro-people and welfare of society is our motto.

The Central Government has repealed the farm laws, but BJP-ruled states are yet to withdraw the laws.
The Centre has already withdrawn the laws. The state can decide based on local conditions. The Centre will not interfere in that matter.

We can't just sit back imposing restrictions. We need to face it with various strategies and work with greater vigour to tackle it
Basavaraj Bommai, Chief Minister

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai holds a meeting of senior government officials in Bengaluru on Saturday | VINOD KUMAR T

Can't just sit back, impose curbs: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday told senior officials that the State Government cannot just sit back and impose restrictions due to the pandemic, and expressed that there is a need to face it with various strategies. "We have to work with greater vigour to tackle it," the CM told officers, asking them to cut down on wasteful expenditure in their respective departments.

Addressing senior officials on the first day of this year, Bommai stated that 2022 would be a challenging year from both the economic and administrative perspectives. He said they have to prepare for a probable third Covid wave, while looking at pushing the economy forward as well. "We can't just sit back imposing restrictions. We need to face it with various strategies and work with greater vigour to tackle it," he added.

Further, the CM urged officials to cut down on wasteful and unnecessary expenditure in their respective departments. He said that as for the revenue-generating departments, he wants them to raise efficiencies to improve the state's finances.

"We should face the challenge with a positive attitude. Good thinking leads to good work," Bommai advised, adding that there was least interference in the administration in the last five months.

Chief Secretary P Ravikumar, DG&IGP Praveen Sood and other senior officials were present.

Three-member panel to probe school row

MAHESH M GOUDAR @Bagalkot

THE Department of Public Instruction has set up a three-member committee to investigate allegations of conversion against Saint Pauls Higher Primary School in Ilkal.

Speaking to *TNIE*, DPI Deputy Director Srishail Biradar said, "As per a complaint, the school not only celebrated Christmas, but also served non-vegetarian food. The school has reportedly celebrated Christmas against government norms."

"We have constituted a three-member committee comprising three headmasters and other officers of DPI. The committee will investigate and decide action against the school," stated Biradar.

Meanwhile, the school administration committee members denied the allegations, and claimed that the incident is not connected to the school.

Any study on conversions? Congress poser to govt

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AS the State Government plans to take the ordinance route to implement the contentious anti-conversion Bill, the Congress which has always opposed it, now demands that the government clarify whether it has conducted any study on the matter, and reveal the number of conversion cases in the state.

Rajya Sabha MP **L Hanumanathaiah** charged that the Bill is aimed at insulting the weaker sections with a hidden agenda, and also aims to create confusion.

Alleging that the government wants to divert people's attention from its failures, instead of focusing on genuine issues, he claimed that the Bill is a brainchild of the RSS, and a gimmick to take people for a ride on emotional issues.

Referring to BJP leaders accusing the Opposition of failing to participate in Parliamentary debates, Hanumanthaiah said that the people have lost faith in them, as the ruling party has seen to it that the Parliament session is not held with the objective of providing a wider scope for discussion, and has not taken the Opposition into confidence when passing any bills.

"It is unfortunate that the Opposition parties were not taken into consideration, while withdrawing the three farm laws. They just completed the formality within two minutes," he alleged.

Bill for the sake of votes, alleges Sindhia

MANGALURU: Former minister and Congress leader PGR Sindhia on Saturday advised the State Government to dig out data on religious conversions in the state, instead of simply blaming the minority communities. Addressing a press conference here, Sindhia added that there is no evidence to back the allegations that mass religious conversions are taking place. "They are doing it (anti-conversion Bill) for the sake of votes," the veteran leader alleged. **ENS**

Govt decision on guidance value hailed

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RAVINDRA PN, who is also the chairman of the Central Valuation Committee for Estimation, however, made it clear that the rule will be effective for three months.

The guidance value was updated on January 1, 2019 for properties in Bengaluru Urban, Rural and Ramanagara districts, while it was revised earlier for other districts on December 5, 2018.

Apart from giving a boost to the economy, the decision is also expected to create jobs in the labour-intensive real estate industry.

The Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India (CREDAI) had also submitted a similar proposal to the department when the progress review took place as the market value of properties had crashed.

"We welcome the government's move as it will largely benefit customers buying properties as they will save 5 per cent of stamp duty against the property value due to 10 per cent reduction in guidance value," said Suresh Hari, Chairman, CREDAI, Bengaluru Chapter.

How it works out

For a property with an earlier guidance value of Rs 1 lakh and a stamp duty of 5 per cent, the buyer had to pay Rs 5,000. Now, he will have to pay Rs 4,500 as the guidance value will drop to 90,000 due to 10 per cent reduction, saving Rs 500.

Despite second Covid yr, Excise revenue grows 15 pc

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DESPITE the second consecutive pandemic year, the State Excise Department achieved a 15 per cent increase in revenue collection between April and December 2021-22, compared with the corresponding period in 2020-21. Official data showed that the department raked in Rs 19,306.44 crore in revenue between April and December last year, compared to Rs 16,786.78 crore in 2020-21 during the said period.

The annual financial target for 2020-21 was Rs 22,700 crore, and Rs 24,580 crore for 2021-22. The revenue collection between April and December last fiscal was Rs 16,786.78 crore, whereas it was Rs 19,306.44 crore in the nine-month period between April and December last year, thus showing an achievement of 78.55 per cent of the annual budget estimates this fiscal, as compared to 73.95 per cent in the last fiscal.

The official sales figures as on December 31, 2021, show a 16.17 per cent growth in sale of Indian Made Liquor, and 18.01 per cent growth in the sale of beer in 2021-22, when compared to the previous year. But officials toned down the increase in sales and revenue, stating that any comparison with 2020-21 would be unfair because of the lockdown between March 23 and May 7, 2020, with nil sales and subsequent staggered reopening of CL2 (retail liquor stores) and CL9 (bars and restaurants) outlets the same year. The State Excise Department is taking several initiatives to boost production at distilleries and breweries, said an official source.

Meanwhile, some of the CL9 licencees speaking to *TNIE* said that while the retail liquor stores have been doing good business, the former have been at the receiving end because of Covid-19 restrictions since March 2020.

State will witness political churn in year ahead as BJP asserts itself, Oppn fights back

LOOKING AHEAD 2022

THE year 2022 will be a trailer for the 2023 Karnataka Assembly elections. From now, therefore, every action and inaction, every decision and indecision, both political and governmental, will have an imprint of the impending elections. Pre-election desertions of leaders from one party to another have already begun and it will only gather momentum in the days to come. For the ruling BJP, neither the results of the recent Legislative Council elections nor the urban local body polls brought any cheer.

The events thus far amply suggest that the BJP is going to make hard-Hindutva its main plank in preparation for the elections. The tell-tale signs can be now seen all over the state with attacks on minority institutions and practices, unbridled moral policing, hate-filled speeches by both political and religious leaders and the government's resolve to legislate against religious conversions. The days ahead will only see much more aggressive politics.

The BJP has so far presented its sober face in the state, except in the coastal belt. However, the party's electoral journey here, despite having formed the government twice, has not been very bright. It has never been able to win a simple majority. On both occasions when it formed the government, the party mustered numbers by literally purchasing opposition legislators. Neither Prime Minister Narendra Modi's charisma nor Union Home Minister Amit Shah's strategic election management seem to work much with the Karnataka electorate in Assembly elections.

The hard-Hindutva agenda, thus, seems to be the last-resort strategy for the saffron party to establish itself more firmly. As the party leaders and cadre would try hard to push this agenda to create an intense sense of insecurity among the Hindu majority, the state is likely to witness pitched political-religious battles. Reports of attacks on Christmas celebrations in a district like Mandya, which has always maintained a distance from Hindutva politics, may very well be an indication of the shape of things to come.

A NARAYANA
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The election year is the time when new social coalitions are engineered. The BJP has consolidated its support base among the Lingayats, and it will do everything to retain it. The party will continue to cultivate non-Lingayat castes mainly by snatching traditional Vokkaliga voters of the Old Mysuru region from the JDS, and OBC and Dalits voters of the Congress.

While it is difficult to precisely predict the emerging social alignment among the three parties, the ruling party's tactics, based on religious and caste calculations, and the two opposition parties' last-ditch efforts to hold on to their traditional support bases will be on full display through the year. Open involvement in politics of the heads of various Hindu and Lingayat mutts promises to make political churning a much-vexed affair.

Despite its orchestrated opposition to the government's proposal to pass the anti-conversion Bill, the Congress response to the BJP's aggressive communal agenda has been insipid and inconsistent. The Congress does not seem to be building any new social coalitions. Its strategy is confined to creating and cashing in on anti-incumbency sentiments against the government. No such anti-incumbency is palpable at this stage, but the fact that the Karnataka electorate has not been re-electing ruling parties since 1985 should be a matter of worry for the BJP and give some hope to the two opposition parties.

The year is crucial for the JDS as it needs to quickly reinvent itself by shedding its image as a family-centric party to be a serious third player in state politics. The party has been suffering repeated setbacks in its Old Mysuru stronghold after the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. In any case, it is difficult to dismiss its significance as the party tends to bounce back during election time with those who fail to get tickets in other parties making a beeline to it.

Amidst all these, one thing to be watched during the year ahead is whether Karnataka will see the birth of a new regional political party or whether the one such existing outfit, the Karnataka Rashtreeya Samiti (KRS), will finally emerge decisively on the political scene.

The LDF government has initiated corrective measures to reduce the damage caused by the police harassment meted out to a Swedish national at Kovalam on Friday for carrying liquor bought from government-owned outlet. Shaji, a sub inspector who asked the foreigner to dump the liquor if he wanted to enter the beach, was placed under suspension, pending inquiry

TREADING WITH CAUTION ON BOOSTER SHOT

CHETANA BELAGERE @Bengaluru

REGULATORY approval for two new vaccines a day after the announcement on administering 'precautionary doses' of Covid-19 vaccines for healthcare workers, frontline workers and people over 60 has intensified the battle against the pandemic. Presently, with no data available in India on which vaccine should be used for a third dose (booster dose), certain questions are emerging on the efficacy of various vaccine combinations and how the administration of these boosters should be carried out.

The immunity from the primary vaccine series might decline over a few weeks to a few months, which might warrant a booster dose. Dr Saikiran S, Consultant Physician at People Tree Hospitals, says, "The efficacy of the booster to Omicron is still in question. Nevertheless, the possibility of additional protection and boosting immunity is a possibility. In the western world, there is some data regarding vaccine efficacy to Omicron. We need to have additional information and research into this."

Heterologous or homologous for a booster?

Unfortunately, there is no Indian data on both of these, says Dr Gagandeep Kang, India's top virologist and microbiologist at CMC Vellore. However, considering the data available from some countries, virologists in India say that mixing vaccines (heterologous regimen) and using a vaccine other than the primary regimen for the third dose has stimulated a stronger immune response.

"At the moment though, there is no data for the third dose in India. But we do have studies done in the US, called Cov-Boost study, from the University of Southampton, which gauged the immune response generated in individuals who had already received two doses of the Astrazeneca (Covishield) vaccine by either a booster dose of the same vaccine or the Novavax (known in India as Covovax vaccine)," explained Dr Kang.

BIG PICTURE

Explaining further, Dr Chandrakant Lahariya, an expert on vaccines, public policy and health systems, says though both modes have been found to be immunologically effective, limited global evidence has shown that mixing of vaccines can, indeed, stimulate a stronger immune response.

"Any vaccine, if given to a person, and if their immune response has not been completely maxed up, you will see an increase in antibodies. The government is using immunogenicity data as a substitute for efficacy, but we don't really know if that is the case," Dr Kang says.

Which vaccine would make the best precautionary dose?

Apart from the six Covid-19 vaccines approved for use in India (Serum Institute's Covishield, Bharat Biotech's Covaxin, Russia-made Sputnik-V, Zydus Cadila's ZyCoV-D and the US made Moderna and Johnson & Johnson) the Centre recently approved two more vaccines — Corbevax, manufactured by Biological E, and Covovax by Serum Institute of India (SII). With this, there are eight vaccines in India's vaccine basket.

PIC: SHRIRAM BN

However, while considering a precautionary booster dose, the majority of the population has been vaccinated with Covishield, some with Covaxin and a very minimum population with Sputnik-V. "From the Cov-Boost study, we know that the third dose of Covishield increased the Geometric Mean Ratio (GMR) by 3.25 times while the booster dose of Covovax increased the same by eight times," Dr Kang pointed out.

This essentially means that for those who have taken Covishield vaccine, the government could look at either giving the same vaccine as third dose or give Covovax for a better response, explains Dr Lahariya.

Experts say it is unfortunate that there is no such study for Covaxin or Corbevax yet. "There is no data on Covaxin boosting, unless it's with the company! However, there are a few studies with other inactivated virus vaccines, but it is a bit problematic to use the data directly. If we consider the use of that data, then Astrazeneca (Covishield) on top of two doses of inactivated virus vaccine still gives a very good boost," explained Dr Kang.

Agreeing with this, Dr Lahariya cites the example of the Indian Council of Medical Research's (ICMR's) own "interesting study on 18 people who got mixed primary schedule (which) also showed that Covaxin, followed by Covishield, gave better antibody response."

So, the option for Covaxin takers is either the third dose of the same vaccine or Covishield could be an option. However, Dr Kang says her colleague at CMC Vellore, Dr Winsley Rose, is conducting a study on this and the results should be out by February.

Availability of vaccines

Karnataka's recent Census projections for 2021-2022 has shown that the state has to vaccinate 31,75,000 teenagers aged 15-17 years with Covaxin and 15,31,600 citizens aged above 60 years with comorbidities with the precautionary dose.

"Considering that the availability of Covaxin so far in Karnataka has been good, we shouldn't be having any issues for the teenage population. However, if the government decides to go cross-vaccinating all those who have taken Covishield with Covaxin, then supply issues will be a major one," explained a health department official.

However, Dr Kang explains that the big advantage of Covovax and Corbevax is that they can be made very easily in huge quantities. "About 100 to 200 million does of these can be produced every month. In India, if you are giving only boosters in addition to doing primary immunisation for people, there's more than enough to use them as boosters. Also, Serum Institute says that they are already doing 250 million doses of Covishield."

Corbevax's manufacturer Biological E has released a statement indicating that it is aiming at a monthly production of 100 million shots by February.

Time gap

The government's decision of a nine month gap between the second and the third precautionary dose is reportedly based on results from five small-scale studies which showed that immune responses decline considerably in the 7th-9th month after double vaccination. However, experts feel this long gap could also be for feasibility reasons.

But, Dr Kang says, the longer gap may be better, but again there is no data yet on this.

Tread cautiously: Experts

While the WHO has been repeatedly warning of vaccine inequality, doctors in Karnataka also say that the "Three for us and none for you" concept won't work in defeating the pandemic. Dr Vishal Rao, Member, Genomic Surveillance Committee, and Dean, Centre for Academic Research, HCG Cancer Centre, says, "We need to understand that we live in a global village. Nobody is safe until everybody is safe. We have to vaccinate everyone."

Meanwhile, Dr Kang expressed concern saying, "Vaccines are not like drugs. You can't pop one every day." She explains that although it is now evident that older people need a booster, jumping too quickly for the whole population "may be doing a disservice to people. If you are treading with the concept that let's keep antibodies high always and boost it with vaccines every six months, when do you stop?" she asks.

She says, "This is the right time when our scientific community needs to come together to design studies that will allow us to decide a better policy based on data on local evidence."

REDUCED TO RUBBLE

An earthmover clears debris of a firecracker manufacturing unit at Kalathur village in Virudhunagar district of Tamil Nadu which was destroyed in an explosion on Saturday morning. Four people died and eight others were injured in the blast. According to officials, friction during mixing of chemicals at a filling shed in the factory triggered the blast. A case has been registered and a probe is on | EXPRESS

ROW OVER HIJAB CONTINUES IN UDUPI AS CFI, BJP TRADE CHARGES

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Udupi

CLAIMING hijab (clothing to cover their head) is an indicator of their identity, six Muslim girl students studying in second year PU at the Women's Government PU College in Udupi, have decided to fight for their rights to wear the headscarf inside the classroom.

Though college Principal Rudra Gauda said students should follow rules on the college campus and that headscarves cannot be allowed inside classrooms, students who approached the Campus Front of India (CFI) have decided to continue their fight till they get the permission.

Masood Manna, state committee member of CFI, Karnataka, said on Saturday that parents of the girl students have met the principal three times and requested him to allow their daughters to wear hijab. "When no other government PU college across the state has such prohibition, why this particular college is discriminating against the students," he asked.

"Udupi MLA K Raghupathi Bhat, who met the principal on Saturday, reportedly said if hijab is allowed, boys should be allowed to wear saffron shawls. We have no objection to saffron shawl, but hijab should be allowed," he said.

He alleged that the principal was forcing students to enrol for ABVP, a student wing of the BJP.

A BJP leader, Yashpal Suvarna, who is also vice-president of the development committee of the college, said that over 100 Muslim girls study in the college, but only six are seeking permission to wear hijab. They are driven by political agenda and are trying to spoil the peaceful atmosphere on the campus, he alleged.

EXPRESS READ

Congress leader contradicts Chennithala in D Litt row

T'puram: A day after Congress leader Ramesh Chennithala pushed the LDF government on the back foot in its tug of war with the Governor, Opposition leader VD Satheesan lent the government a helping hand on Saturday. Chennithala had alleged that government — through the Kerala University VC — had vetoed Chancellor Arif Mohammed Khan's proposal to confer D Litt on President Ramnath Kovind. Satheesan took a different stand saying Governor has no right to summon a VC and recommend conferring D Litt on Kovind. "The Governor approved illegal interventions by government in the university affairs at first. As chancellor, he had filed an affidavit in the HC saying there was nothing wrong in the reappointment of Kannur University VC. He is now trying to relinquish the responsibility of the chancellor as he would be forced to file a contradicting affidavit when the appeal comes up for hearing," Satheesan said.

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Invitation for application from Indian Agri Innovators & Startups

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CRIME PATROL

Posing as cops, gang abducts engineer, escapes with Rs 19 lakh cash, gold

Bengaluru: A gang of three armed men, posing as policemen, barged into the house of a civil engineer, threatened him at gunpoint and escaped with Rs 19 lakh cash and 500 gram of gold in Mahalakshmi Layout on Friday. Tension gripped the area after the incident. A senior police officer said the gang went to the house around 1.30 pm and introduced themselves as police officials from Tiptur. The gang told the house owner, Soumya Naik, that they wanted to conduct a search in a case related to a theft. They accused Naik of receiving stolen items and a weapon from a thief. They took away cash and gold ornaments. When a family member tried to raise an alarm, the gang threatened him with a gun and took Naik along with them. They told him to drive his SUV and took him around the city. They demanded Rs 20 lakh to release him. As Naik tried to contact his son-in-law, the accused left him near Goraguntepalya and escaped. Naik returned home around 5.30pm and approached Mahalakshmi Layout police, who are searching for the gang members. An FSL team collected evidence from the crime scene. **ENS**

3-yr-old fatally knocked down by earthmover

Bengaluru: A 3-year-old boy was fatally knocked down by an earthmover at a under-construction site at Srirampura near Majestic on Saturday. The victim has been identified as Simiyan, son of David John and Netravathi. According to the police, the incident occurred at 5.30am when David and his son were on their morning walk. The driver of the earthmover failed to notice the boy while reversing and hit the boy. A shocked David fainted and passersby alerted the Upparpet traffic police who rushed to the spot and arrested the driver Shankar Nayak. **ENS**

'Kids should be taught about agri history'

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"I've kept many plants that used to originally grow on this land and also introduced a few species from other regions," Srivathsa Govindaraju says. Though he still has conventional horticultural crops like coconuts and fruit trees, he also has a variety of plant species he terms 'forgotten foods and healing herbs', ranging from flowers that tickle the taste buds, seeds to make dyes, edible sweet cacti, eight varieties of basil, or simply traditional Indian plants.

Whatever he doesn't grow, like rice and wheat, he sources from farmers living in the nearby village. One of the few species that is not native to India at his farm is Barbados cherry (Malpighia Emarginata), which naturally has one of the highest vitamin C content.

Though a former techie, Govindaraju comes from an agrarian background and a lot of what he learnt comes from foraging with his grandmother. "When I go out for a walk, I see food everywhere. It's knowledge that is missing and that something we must strive to give to our children," he says.

He conducts workshops for children on organic farming. He also makes them understand the importance of going back to the roots of India's agrarian history.

TN power utility encroaches river, builds road

SV KRISHNA CHAITANYA @Chennai

THE Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation Limited (Tantransco) has started building a temporary road inside the main channel of the Kosasthalaiyar River for erecting transmission towers. The road, being allegedly built by dumping tonnes of debris and dredged sea sand, is coming up at a place where floodwaters from Thiruvottiyur, Manali and Ponneri taluk (Araniyar-Kosasthalai River) enter the sea. This may aggravate the flood situation in the city, say environmentalists who flagged the inundation due to rain in November and the recent deluge.

As per official records, the corporation had obtained Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) clearance from the Union Environment Ministry for erecting transmission tower and transmission line of 765KV from North Chennai Thermal Power Station Stage-3 to North Chennai Pooling Station in Ennore. In 15 out of 20 places, the tower foundation work has been completed and 13 transmission towers have been erected.

According to the Ennore fishermen, most of the temporary roads built to deploy heavy machinery for construction are still intact. According to Coastal Regulation Zone rules, the area must be restored to its original shape after completion of work.

The work on remaining seven towers was halted after fishermen from eight villages protested in last June. Tiruvallur collector organized a meeting between fishermen and corporation officials and allowed the work to resume in November.

Technical Committee appointed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India (by order dated 27.10.2021 in WP (Clr) No. 314/2021 & connected matters)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, vide the order dated Oct 27, 2021 in Writ Petition (Crl.) No.314 of 2021 and connected matters, has constituted a Technical Committee to enquire, investigate and determine the following in regard to Pegasus spyware:

(i) Whether the Pegasus suite of spyware was used on phones or other devices of the citizens of India to access stored data, eavesdrop on conversations, intercept information and/or for any other purposes not explicitly stated herein?

(ii) The details of the victims and/or persons affected by such a spyware attack .

(iii) What steps/actions have been taken by the Respondent-Union of India after reports were published in the year 2019 about backing of WhatsApp accounts of Indian citizens, using the Pegasus site of spyware.

(iv) Whether any Pegasus suite of spyware was acquired by the Respondent-Union of India, or any State Government, or any central or state agency for use against the citizens of India?

(v) If any government agency has used the Pegasus suite of spyware on the citizens of this country, under what law, rule, guideline, protocol or lawful procedure was such deployment made?

(vi) If any domestic entity/person has used the spyware on the citizens of this country, then is such a use authorised.

(vii) Any other matter or aspect which may be connected, ancillary or incidental to the above terms of reference, which the Committee may deem fit and proper to investigate.

The Hon'ble Supreme Court has also directed that the Technical Committee is authorised to (a) devise its own procedure to effectively implement and answer the Terms of Reference; (b) hold such enquiry or investigation as it deems fit; and (c) take statements of any person in connection with the enquiry and call for the records of any authority or individual.

This public notice is issued to request any citizen of India who may have felt her/his mobile device/instrument that may have been infected by Pegasus malware.

The Committee requests any citizen of India who has reasonable cause to suspect that her/his mobile has been compromised due to specific usage of NSO group Israel's Pegasus software to contact the Technical Committee appointed by the Honble Supreme Court of India **with reasons as to why you believe your device may have been infected with Pegasus malware,** and whether you would be in a position to allow the Technical Committee to examine your device. Such person who suspects her/his device is infected should send the Technical Committee an email to **inquiry@pegasus-india-investigation.in before noon of Jan 7, 2022.**

In case the committee feels your reasons for suspicion of the device being infected with the malware compel a further investigation, then the committee shall request you to allow examination of your device.

The Committee will give an acknowledgement for having received the instrument and also make and give you a digital phone image for your records. The collection point would be in New Delhi. The mobile instrument collected from you will be delivered back on completion of the tests/investigation.

Sincerely,

Technical Committee appointed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WP 314 of 2021 and connected matters.

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BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE

Jeevan Mangal LIC Building, 1st & 2nd Floor, No.4, Residency Road, Bangalore-560 025

O.A No.807/2020

Between :
Canara Bank,
Padmanabha Nagar Branch ....**APPLICANT**

And

M/s.BHARGAV TOURS AND TRAVELS & OTHERS ....**DEFENDANTS**

MEMORANDUM OF SUMMONS UNDER SECTION 23 (VIII) DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (Procedure) Rules 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas, an applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you to repay the application Bank an amount of **Rs.34,32,805.65** (Rupees Thirty Four Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Five and Sixty Five Paisa Only) as on 03.03.2020 together with interest at the contracted Rate of 10.60%+2% p.a and future interest.

You are hereby required to show within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on **10.02.2022** at 10.30 a.m, in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned here in before, proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **20.11.2021**.

Registrar,
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II
Bangalore.

Copy to Defendant No.1

M/s.BHARGAV TOURS AND TRAVEL OTHERS
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BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-II AT BANGALORE

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O.A No.1670 / 2019

Between :
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And

M/s.BHAGYALAKSHMI ORGANIC PRODUCT AND ANOTHER ....**DEFENDANTS**

MEMORANDUM OF SUMMONS UNDER SECTION 23 (VIII) DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (Procedure) Rules 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas, an applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you to repay the application Bank an amount of **Rs.27,87,689.29** (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Eighty Seven Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Nine and Twenty Nine Paisa) together with interest at the contracted Rate of 11.45%+2% p.a and future interest.

You are hereby required to show within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on **4.3.2022** at 10.30 a.m, in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned here in before, proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **29.12.2021**.

Registrar,
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II
Bangalore.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I the under signed bring to the notice of the General Public that my client **SRI. HARISH APPAREDDY,** Son of Late A. C. Appareddy, Aged about 58 years, Residing at No. 243/2, West of Chord Road, Opp. Power House, Rajajinagar, Bangalore – 560 010, is intended to purchase the Schedule Property as mentioned hereunder from its owner **Smt. MANJU RANI SETHI,** Wife of Sri. Ravi Sethi, Daughter of Late K. G. Chandrasekharan Nair, Aged about 63 years, Residing at No. 962, Rock Creek Road, West Chester, P. A. 19380, USA. If any person/s, company, bank, financial institutions etc., has/having any claim or objection for the proposed purchase or having any right, title, interest, possession over the Schedule Property, shall with documentary evidence lodge their objection/claims within Fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice with the undersigned, failing which, my client shall proceed with the above-mentioned transaction..

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

ALL THAT PIECE AND PARCEL of the Residential Site bearing No.134 situated at Rajamahal Vilas 2nd Stage (Southern Side) Extension, 1st Block, Bangalore – 560 094, **measuring East to West 28 Meters, North to South 15 Meters measuring in total 420 Square Meters,** presently within the jurisdiction of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Ward No. 99, bearing **BBMP Khatha No. 134, old PID No. 99-164-134,** together with all rights, appurtenance, whatsoever whether underneath or above the surface and is bounded as follows:-

East by : Site No. 151; **West by** : Road;
North by : Site No. 133; and **South by** : Site No. 135.

Mr.HARSHAVARDHANA. Advocate, No. 1/3, Jeevan Building, Kumara Park East, Bangalore – 560 001

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POSSESSION NOTICE

Appendix IV under Act-Rule - 8 (1) (For immovable Property)

The.undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Ramohalli Branch, Old Gram Panchayat Building, Ramohalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk - 560060,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **06.04.2021** calling upon the Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors **1) Mr. Devaraju. S** S/o Siddappa, Vinayaka Nagar, Ramohalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru:- 560060), **2) Mr . Lakshmipathi L** S/o Galappa, **(Guarantor)** #206, Vinayaka Nagar, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru - 560074 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 16,76,462.02** Ps (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Seventy Six Thousand Four Hundred Sixty Two and Two Paisa Only) as on **06.04.2021**) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice, together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described here in below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rules 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **28th day of December 2021**.

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

The Borrowers/Guarantors/Mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs. 16,76,462.02** Ps (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Seventy Six thousand Four Hundred Sixty Two And Two Paisa Only) as on **06.04.2021** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property Bearing Site No.93 Situated at Vinayak Nagar, Sy No 90, VP Khata 99/99/93 Situated at Ramohalli Village, Bengaluru 560074 measuring North to South 30 ft & East to West 20 ft. Total 600 Sqft and bounded on the: East by: Property bearing Site No.92; West by: Property bearing Site No.94; North by: Road; South by: Southern portion of the Same Property (Site no 93);

Date : 28.12.2021 **Sd/-Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Canara Bank**

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Website: **www.southindianbank.com**

[See rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated **17.05.2021** u/s. 13(2) of the Act calling upon the borrower, **Sri. Sashidhar V., S/o. Venkatapathy M**, No. 227/10, Near Panchayath Office, Kodathi, Carmelaram P.O., Bangalore – 560035 (also in the capacity of legal heir of Late Sri Venkatapathy M) and other legal heirs of Late **Sri Venkatapathy M** to the extent of the estate inherited from **Late Sri Venkatapathy M** being, **1) Smt. Lakshmamma, W/o. Venkatapathy M.**, No. 227/10, Near Panchayath Office, Kodathi, Carmelaram P.O., Bangalore – 560035 **2) Smt. Sumithra ., D/o. Venkatapathy M.**, #188, Ward No. 17, Ambedkar Nagar, Anekal, Bangalore – 562 106. **3) Smt. Dhakshayani, D/o. Venkatapathy M.**, #1, 15th Main, 2nd Cross, Near Bhuvaneshwara Temple, Baba Saheb Colony, Indiranagar, HAL II Stage, Bangalore – 560008. **4) Smt. Kalyani V., D/o. Venkatapathy M & W/o. Nagesh N.**, #222/1-105, 6th Cross, Near Govt. School, Venkatapura, Bangalore – 560034. **5) Smt. Chandrakala, D/o. Venkatapathy M.**, A/11, Ward No. 2, Ambedkar Nagar, A K Colony, Anekal, Bangalore – 562 106 to repay the total amount of **Rs.28,29,956.38** as mentioned in the notice being **Rs.26,77,492.13** as outstanding in the Overdraft Against Property (ODAP) limit and **Rs.1,52,464.25** as outstanding in the FITL Covid Moratorium Limit, both the amounts as on 16.05.2021, with further interest and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/legal heirs having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/legal heirs and the public in general that the undersigned has taken physical possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security and Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this the **30th day of December, 2021.**

The borrower/legal heirs in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The South Indian Bank Ltd. for a total amount of **Rs.30,47,527.76** being **Rs.28,84,786.51** as outstanding in the Overdraft Against Property limit and **Rs.1,62,741.25** as outstanding in the FITL Covid Moratorium limit, both the amounts as on **29.12.2021** with further interest and costs thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land admeasuring East to West: 40 ft. and North to South: 60 ft., totally adm. 2400 Sq.ft. and other usufructs and improvements thereon, bearing Site No. 21 and 22, laid out in lands in Sy. No.186/1 of Kodathi Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore within the limits of Kodathi Village Panchayat in the name of Sri. Venkatapathy M, vide Partition Deed No. 7995/2014-15 dated 05.01.2015 of SRO Indiranagar, Bangalore and bounded on the North by Site No. 23, South by Site No. 20, East by Site Nos. 39 and 40 and West by Road.

Date : 30.12.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **The South Indian Bank Ltd.**

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Cantonment Branch, Bengaluru.

APPENDIX- IV-A" [SEE PROVISO TO RULE 8 (6)]
SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical/ constructive/ Symbolic (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** on **27.12.2021,** for recovery of **Rs.51,32,166/- (Rupees Fifty One Lakhs Thirty Two thousand One Hundred and Sixty Six only) (as on 27.12.2021)** and interest thereon due to the **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch,** Secured Creditor, from **M/s. Amber Techno Solutions** Prop- **Sudhakar Reddy G & Mrs. Shwetha R A, (Home Loan),** Flat No.S-4, 2nd Floor, Khata No.251/1A, 4th Main, NRI Layout, Kalkare Village, Ramamurthy Nagar, KR Puraam, Bangalore-560016.

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed description of the Property: "Sri Vinayaka Enclave" Apartment, Flat No. S-4, Second Floor, Property bearing site No.39, Khatha No.251/1A, 4th Main, NRI Layout, Kalkere Village, Ramamurthynagar, K R Puram Hobli, Bengaluru-560016, measuring super built up area of 970 sq.ft. and 250 sq.ft. undivided share in the land, including proportionate share in common area, **property boundary: East by:** Site No.38, **West by:** Road (Conservancy), **North by:** Road, **South by:** Site no.40.

Encumbrances on property: NIL	Reserve Price: Rs.46,75,000/-
EMD Amount: Rs.4,68,000/-	Bid incremental Amount: Rs.50,000/-
Date and time of e-auction: 20.01.2022	Property ID No.: IDIB6844509504

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For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: **https://ibapi.in** and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number **'18001025026'** and **'011-41106131'.**

Bidders are advised to use Property ID Number mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with **https://ibapi.in** and **www.mstcecommerce.com.**

Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 31.12.2021 **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch**

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical/ constructive/ Symbolic (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** on **27.12.2021** for recovery of **Rs.31,18,750/- (Rupees Thirty One lac Eighteen Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty only) (as on 27.12.2021)** and interest thereon due to the **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch,** Secured Creditor, from **Mr. C Vasudeva Raju (Borrower), Mr. E Kumar Raju, Guarantor(s),** No.90, 5th Main Krishnaga, Kothannur Dinne, 8th Phase, J P Nagar, Bangalore-560078.

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed description of the Property: Bearing Site New Municipal No.43, PID No. 55-56-43, (old Site No.05, Khatha No.540/42/3, old Muncipal No.352/2/753/1), Situated at 3rd Cross (old 1st Cross Road), 1st main, Muneshwara Nagara, Kadirenehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Presently comes in the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, together with house building thereon and **bounded on the: East:** by Munivenkatappa's property, **West:** by 20 ft Road, **North:** Raj Kaluve, **South:** Shyamann's Property.

Encumbrances on property: NIL	Reserve Price: Rs.85,00,000/-
EMD Amount: Rs.8,50,000/-	Bid incremental Amount: Rs.50,000/-
Date and time of e-auction: 20.01.2022	Property ID No.: IDIB6214399123

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Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 31.12.2021 **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch**

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Cantonment Branch, Bengaluru.

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical/ constructive/ Symbolic (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** on **28.12.2021,** for recovery of **Rs.36,55,943/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakhs Fifty Five thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Three only) (as on 28.12.2021)** and interest thereon due to the **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch,** Secured Creditor, from **M/s. East India Trade Company** Prop- **Syed Salim Pasha, Borrower(s), Mrs. salma Banu, Guarantor(s),** No.306, 19th A Cross, 6th Block Jayanagar, Bangalore-560082.

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed description of the Property: All that part and parcel of the property consisting Residential property No.6, (earlier site No.210 (B3) in Sy.No.25/3 PID No.55-181-6, 3rd Main, ILYAS Nagar Layout (JHBCS Layout) Minhajnagar of Kadirenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalaore South Taluk, Bengaluru-560078 measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 20 feet. **Property Bounded: On the North by:** Previously storm water drain, presently it is Road, **On the South by:** Site No.210 (B2), **On the East by:** Site No.210 (Portion), **On the West by:** Road.

Encumbrances on property: NIL	Reserve Price: Rs.64,50,000/-
EMD Amount: Rs.6,45,000/-	Bid incremental Amount: Rs.50,000/-
Date and time of e-auction: 20.01.2022	Property ID No.: IDIB6069936876

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Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 31.12.2021 **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch**

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Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical /constructive / Symbolic (whichever is applicable) possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** on **27.12.2021,** for recovery of **Rs.18,00,739/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Seven Hundred Thirty Nine only) (as on 27.12.2021)** and interest thereon due to the **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch,** Secured Creditor, from **M/s. Hamza Enterprises** Prop- **Mohammed Nizam, Borrower(s), Mr. Moammed Yousuff Guarantor(s),** No.671, Thanisandra main Road, Near Eliment Mall, Nagawar SRK Nagar Post, Bangalore-560077.

The specific details of the property intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Detailed description of the Property: Bearing Site New Municipal No.43, PID No. 55-56-43, (old Site No.05, Khatha No.540/42/3, old Muncipal No.352/2/753/1), Situated at 3rd cross (old 1st Cross Road), 1st main, Muneshwara Nagara, Kadirenehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Presently comes in the limits of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, together with house building thereon and **bounded on the: East:** by Munivenkatappa's property, **West:** by 20 ft Road, **North:** Raj Kaluve, **South:** Shyamann's Property.

Encumbrances on property: NIL	Reserve Price: Rs.15,00,000/-
EMD Amount: Rs.1,50,000/-	Bid incremental Amount: Rs.50,000/-
Date and time of e-auction: 20.01.2022	Property ID No.: IDIB50320070017

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Place: Bengaluru **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Date: 31.12.2021 **Indian Bank, Cantonment Branch**

SOUTH INDIAN Bank
CIN: L65191KL1929PLC001017

Regional Office: SIB Arcade, #61, Wheeler Road, Cox Town, Bangalore – 560 005. Tel./ Fax No: +91 80-25479091 / 92
E-mail: **ro1010@sib.co.in**.
Website: **www.southindianbank.com**

[See rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 04.08.2021 u/s. 13(2) of the Act calling upon the borrowers, **Sri. Devaram Prajapath, S/o. Prabhu Ram,** #481/382, Chandapura, Chatrakane, Anekal – 560 099 and **Smt. Santhosh Devi, W/o. Devaram Prajapath,** #481/382, Chandapura, Chatrakane, Anekal – 560 099 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,04,69,934.32** (Rupees One Crore Four Lakh Sixty Nine Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty Four and thirty two paise only) as on 03.08.2021 with further interest, penal interest and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security and Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this the **30th day of December, 2021**.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The South Indian Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs.1,09,04,943.79** (Rupees One Crore Nine Lakh Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty Three and seventy nine paise only) as on 29.12.2021 with further interest, penal interest and costs thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential property adm. 0-05.08 guntas along with residential building consisting of Ground + 2 upper floors, situated in Sy. No. 2/5 at Heelalige Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District owned by Sri Devaram Prajapath vide Sale Deed no. 2564/2016-17 dated 10.08.2016 of SRO Attibele, Anekal Taluk and bounded on the North by 20' Road, East by Remaining portion of property in same Sy. No., South by Road and West by Govt. Road.

Date : 30.12.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **The South Indian Bank Ltd.**

SOUTH INDIAN Bank
CIN: L65191KL1929PLC001017

Regional Office: SIB Arcade, #61, Wheeler Road, Cox Town, Bangalore – 560 005. Tel./ Fax No: +91 80-25479091 / 92
E-mail: **ro1010@sib.co.in**.
Website: **www.southindianbank.com**

[See rule 8 (1)] POSSESSION NOTICE (For immovable property)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of The South Indian Bank Ltd. under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued demand notice dated 26.08.2021 u/s. 13(2) of the Act calling upon the borrowers, **Sri Venktesh alias Venkatesh, S/o. R Nanjundappa and Smt. Jyothi, W/o. Venktesh alias Venkatesh,** both of them residing at: #203, Bangiramaiah Layout, Bidaragere Road, Anekal, Bangalore – 562 106 (Both also at: #121, Ward No.4, Anekal, Bangalore-562106) to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.11,70,711.25** (Rupees Eleven Lakh Seventy Thousand Seven Hundred and Eleven and twenty five paise only) as on 25.08.2021 with further interest, penal interest and costs within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers and the public in general that the undersigned has taken symbolic possession of property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Sub Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security and Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 on this the **30th day of December, 2021**.

The borrowers in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of The South Indian Bank Ltd. for an amount of **Rs.12,22,304.41** (Rupees Twelve Lakh Twenty Two Thousand Three Hundred and Four and forty one paise only) as on 29.12.2021 with further interest, penal interest and costs thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Sub Section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of land measuring 24 x 43 feet, totally admeasuring 1032 sq.ft., along with residential building of around 2162 sq.ft. and other usufructs and improvements thereon situated in property bearing Site No.41, Municipal Assessment Sl no. 2726/41, Property No. 416/2726/41 situated at Bangi Ramaiah Layout, Anekal Town Municipal Council, Bangalore District in the name of Sri Venkatesh vide Will Deed No. 44/1993-94 dated 23.06.1993 of SRO Anekal and bounded on the North : Mrs. Ammayamma Property, East : Mr. Marappa House, South : Municipal Road & West : Site Nos. 24 & 25.

Date : 30.12.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bengaluru **The South Indian Bank Ltd.**

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

TRIVANDRUM (WORKS BRANCH)
E-TENDER NOTICE No. V / W / TVC / 16 / 2021
Dated: 30.12.2021

Divisional Railway Manager / Works Branch / Trivandrum Division, Trivandrum-14 for and on behalf of the President of India invites online tenders for the following works as per tender notice given in our e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in**. The tenderer(s) / contractor(s) to apply for e-tender for WORKS in Trivandrum Division, need to get enrolled in the e-tender portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted.

Sl. No.	Description
1	Repair and Maintenance of LCs in Haripad - Ambalapuzha Section (PB No.25/2020-21, Ambalapuzha-Haripad Doubling); Approx. Value in lakh: ₹ **25.76**; Period of Completion in Months: **THREE**
2	(1) Construction of OHE depot at Quilon (2) Quilon sub-division - improvements to platform surface; Approx. Value in lakh: ₹ **67.84**; Period of Completion in Months: **SIX**
3	Thiruvananthapuram central yard - De silting of side drains; Approx. Value in lakh: ₹ **15.41**; Period of Completion in Months: **SIX**
4	TVC Division - Provision of office accommodation for SSE/JE/Signal & Tele in S&T branch at NNN, KCVL, KPY & SRTL; Approx. Value in lakh: ₹ **54.07**; Period of Completion in Months: **TWELVE**
5	Kollam - Reconstruction of Staff Qrs Type II - 12 Units in lieu of Qrs no. 21 D-H & 185 A-H (Type I); Approx. Value in lakh: ₹ **177.28**; Period of Completion in Months: **FOURTEEN**
6	Nagercoil yard - Proposed subway at km.290/600-700 in lieu of LC No.36 (cast in situ) ; Approx. Value in lakh: ₹ **427.78**; Period of Completion in Months: **TWELVE**
7	Kottayam P.Way section - ERC greacing, boxing of ballast, painting of rails & other maintenance works in P.Way to eliminate deficiencies in track ; Approx. Value in lakh: ₹ **88.92**; Period of Completion in Months: **TWELVE**
8	Destressing of LWR in Kollam sub division; Approx. Value in lakh: ₹ **86.18**; Period of Completion in Months: **SIX**
9	Destressing of LWR in Thrisur sub division ; Approx. Value in lakh: ₹ **44.69**; Period of Completion in Months: **SIX**
10	Ernakulam P.Way section - ERC greacing, boxing of ballast, painting of rails & other maintenance work in P.Way to eliminate deficiencies in track; Approx. Value in lakh: ₹ **118.83**; Period of Completion in Months: **TWELVE**
11	Trivandrum Division - Deep screening of points & crossings by BCM in Ernakulam - Kottayam section ; Approx. Value in lakh: ₹ **38.50**; Period of Completion in Months: **TWELVE**
12	Zone K - Supply of materials and execution of miscellaneous works from Km.287.100 to Km.362.600 in Nagercoil Town (excl) & Melapalayam (incl) from.KM 0.000 to Km.15.510 (Nagercoil to Kanniyakumari Line) - Nagercoil P.way section; Approx. Value in lakh: ₹ **44.00**; Period of Completion in Months: **TWELVE**
13	Clearing Vegetation in Trichur, Chalakudi and Aluva SSE/P.WAY Section (For two years); Approx. Value in lakh: ₹ **96.23**; Period of Completion in Months: **TWENTY FOUR**
14	Trivandrum Division - Construction of gang rest room 13 Numbers in Alappuzha P.Way Section; Approx. Value in lakh: ₹ **174.17**; Period of Completion in Months: **TWELVE**
Tender Closing date and time:	Sl.No: 1 to 7 : **21.01.2022 at 11.00 hrs.** Sl.No: 8 to 14 : **25.01.2022 at 11.00 hrs.**

Details of approximate value of tender, EMD & location are given on the e-portal, **www.ireps.gov.in**. For Details of bid submission, please refer website portal **www.ireps.gov.in**.

Senior Divisional Engineer / Co-ordination / Trivandrum-14

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SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
APPEXNDIX – IV-A [See proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6)]

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 6 (2) & 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s), Mortgagor(s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Baroda, Secured Creditor, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis for recovery of dues in below mentioned account/s. The details of Borrower/s/Mortgagor/Guarantor/s/Secured Asset/s/Dues/Reserve Price/e-Auction date & Time, EMD and Bid Increase Amount are mentioned below -

Sr/ Lot No.	Name & address of Borrower/s/ Guarantor/ Mortgagors	Give short description of the immovable property with known encumbranc es, if any	Total Dues	Date & Time of E-Auction	Reserve Price EMD and Bid Increase Amount	Status of Possession (Constructive / Physical)	Property Inspection Date & Time.
01	**Mr. Pradeep Kasilinka S/o Mr. Ramakrishna Kasilanka,** R/o flat No 101, Aditya Enclave, 5th line, Balajinagar, near Vamsi Krishna Rice Mill Guntur-522034 Andhra Pradesh	Immovable property All that piece and parcel of Flat No 325, Second floor, **"Pushpam E Town"** Apartment, E Khatha No. 150200102701021047, Sy No 164/3 and 164/1, Situated at S Medhalli (V), Off Sarjapura-Attibele Road, Near Fedral Bank Billapura Branch, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist Bangalore-562125 in the Name of Mr Pradeep Kasilinka	Rs. 52,42,340.36 /- As on 15.11.2021 + Interest thereon	29-01-2022 between 11.00 am to 5.00 pm	Reserve Price: Rs.33,38,000/- EMD Amount: Rs. 3,33,800/- Bid Increase Amount: 10,000/- and its multiplication	Symbolic possession: 07.07.2021 Physical Possession: 30.09.2021	28.01.2022 between 10.00 am to 6.00 pm

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to the link provided in https://www.bankofbaroda.in/e-auction.htm and https://ibapi.in. Also, prospective bidders may contact the authorized officer on Tel No. 080-25011205 Mobile: 7506247773/9003619699

Date : 28.12.2021
Place : Bangalore

Sd/- **S C Prabhu**
Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda

ESTD: 1907

THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Administrative Office: # 3, PAMPAMAHAKAVI ROAD, CHAMARAJAPET, BANGALORE –18. Ph. : 26678572 : 26600512 : 26609066.

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E-AUCTION

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with provision to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to Borrower that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured Creditor, the symbolically/constructive/ Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is Where is ", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is"** basis on **08.02.2022** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to The Bangalore City Co Operative Bank Ltd. Administrative office .

The Details are as under : Reserve price and Earnest money deposits details are as under & the Earnest money deposit shall be deposited on or before **07.02.2022** At 5 : 00 PM, through online payments Like **RTGS/NEFT** to the account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD in favouring The Bangalore City Co Operative Bank Ltd, Administrative office.

Sl No	Name of the Borrower, address & Branch Name	Description of property & Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Amount of Secured debt from Date	Date & time of Auction
1.	**Sri. Sreenivas. R No.03, C-804, 3rd Cross HRBR layout, 1st Block, Bengaluru-53.** **Branch : H.R.B.R. Layout**	**No. 11-6-147, Municipal Khatha No. 2871, Assessment No. 2510A/2404, Revenue Extract No. 1027, Property/Assessment No. 3241/2510/A, Situated at 3rd Division, Sidlaghatta Nagara, Sabhe Sidlaghatta Town, Sidlaghatta Taluk, Chikka Ballapura Taluk, East to West : 90+130 feet & 2 North to South : 195+275 feet 2 East by : Bhudala Krishnappa & Others property West by : Municipal Road, North by : Municipal road South by : Chinthamani Sidlagatta Main Road**	**Rs. 3,45,00,000/- Rs. (Three Crore Forty five Lakhs Only)**	**Rs. 34,50,000/- Rs. (Thirty Four Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 3,93,09,795/- & 29.12.2021**	**08.02.2022 10: 00 AM To 11 :00 AM**
2.	**Sri. Vishwanth. M No. 14/5, New No.4/2A, Kasavanahalli, Kaikondrahalli, Sarjapura Main Road, Carmelaram Post, Bangalore-35.** **Branch : HEAD OFFICE**	**Property bearing Site/ Plot No.14 out of Sy. No.4/2A, of Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, BBMP Ward No.150 of Kasavanahalli Village, BBMP Khatha No.2612/2439/14, Bangalore. East to West : 60 feet & North to South : 30 feet East by : Road. West by : Site No.7. North by : Site No.15. South by : Road.**	**Rs. 1,56,90,000/- Rs. (One Crore Fifty Six Lakhs Ninety Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 15,69,000/- Rs. (Fifteen Lakhs Sixty Nine Thousand Only)**	**Rs. 1,09,29,685/- & 29.12.2021**	**08.02.2022 11: 00 AM To 12 :00 PM**

Last date of deposit of EMD: 07.02.2022 Before 5 : 00 PM	**Bank Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/IFSC Code: BANK NAME : Indusand Bank BRANCH: The Bangalore City Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Head office Branch A/c No. 000220105013061, IFSC Code – INDB0BCCB02**
Date & time of inspection: 02.02.2022, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	
Bid Factors: Rs. 50,000/-	

(The borrower /mortgagor attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset). **This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule (8) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower. For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in The Bangalore City Co Operative Bank Ltd. Website ie. ,www.bccbl.co.in under the head "Mortgaged Assets for Sale".** The E-auction will be conducted through portal https://bankauctions.in, on **08.02.2022** from **10.00. AM to 12.00 PM** with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at https://bankauctions.in/ and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. *online training on* ***E-auction (tentatively on* 07.02.2022) from M/s 4 Closure, Mr. Prakash Reddy & Mr. Bhaskar (Asst. Manager), No.22, 5th Cross, Gurumahal Extension, Opp. Indian Hotel, K.G. Halli, Jalahalli (West), Bengaluru-560015 Mobile No: 9515160061/9515160062, E-mail: prakash@bankauctions.in** . For More details contact bccbrec2021@gmail.com Mobile Number : 080-26600512, 26609066 & 9342781425.

Date: 01.01.2022 **Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER**
Place: Bengaluru **THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED**

Government of Karnataka
Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences Gadag
Tel Phone Number: 08372-297213 Email: gimsgadag@gmail.com

No: GIMS/Tender/MP/ 73/2021-22 Date : 31.12.2021

E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Tender are Invited to provide Manpower Service to Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences and Teaching Hospital. Gadag Tender Notification has been uploaded in E-Portal No: GIMS/TENDER/MP/73/2021-22 ((http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in) Bidders can visit above web site from 31.12.2021 to 02.02.2022 by evening 4:30 PM, If any queries contact below Signed Person in time of Govt Working Days. (Approx Rs. 7.25 Cr)

Sd/-Director
Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences, Gadag

DIPR/Gadag/434/2021-22/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(RAICHUR THERMAL POWER STATION)
CIN : U85110KA1970SGC001919

No.: KPCL/2021-22/OW/WORK_INDENT12019 Dt: 31.12.2021

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (two cover system)
(Through e-Procurement portal only)

Tender is invited from eligible tenderers through Gok e-procurement website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** for the work of **"Painting of two numbers of Air Washer Fans, Cooling Water Pipeline, Sprinkler Station and other connected supporting structures of unit 1 to 4".** EMD: **Nil.** Last date and time for tender quires/clarification: **10.01.2022 up to 16.00 hrs.** Date of recepit of tenders: **17.01.2022 up to 16.00 Hrs.** Opening of technical bid (Part-I): **18.01.2022 at 16.00 hrs.** Opening of financial bid (Part-II): **19.01.2022 at 16.00 Hrs.** Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (LT-1) KPCL, RTPS, Shakthinagar-584170. Raichur District. e-Mail ID: eeolaertpskpcl@karnataka.gov.in**

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY & VETERINARY SERVICES,
Office of the Commissioner, Pashupaalana Bhavana, 1st Floor, Opp. to CBI Office, Bellary Road, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560 024.
Email : commissionerahvs@gmail.com Ph: 080-23412767

Tender Ref.No: CAH:KLDA:FSP & BF Short term :Tender: 2021-22 Date: 01/01/2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement Mode Only)

The Commissioner of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore hereby invites tender through e-Procurement portal Website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from eligible tenderers **for procurement of Filling Sealing and Printing Machine & Biological Freezer for Bovine Semen for the year 2021-22 & 2022-23,** Tendered Amount is **Rs.269.00 lakhs**.

Complete tender documents can be viewed by visiting above mentioned website from **Dt: 01/01/2022** and tenderers can upload all the necessary documents through e-procurement portal from **01/01/2022 to 10/01/2022 till 17.30 hours.**

Further information can be obtained from e-procurement Portal and concerned Officer in this office during office hours.

Sd/- Chief Veterinary Officer (Dairy)
& Member Secretary Tender Inviting Committee
Department Of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services, Bengaluru

DIPR/DDU/Zen/RO-2635/2021-22

COVID-19 - DON'T SPREAD RUMOURS. ACT RESPONSIBLY, AVOID INFECTION-NOT THE INFECTED.
Wear Mask | 6 Feet Follow Physical Distancing | Maintain Hand Hygiene

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KRISHNA BHAGYA JALA NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
Office of the Executive Engineer, KBJNL,
ALBC Division,Almatti-586201.
Tq:B.Bagewadi Dt: Vijayapur. Phone:08426-281044,

No:KBJNL/ALBC-DN/DM/Qutn/ALBC- Hw/HT Panel/ 2021-22/2163 . Date: 30.12.2021

INFORMATION QUOTATION NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Managing Director, KBJNL, Bangalore, the Executive Engineer KBJNL, ALBC Division Almatti the under undersigned invites **sealed quotations** for **competitive rates** from reputed firm/Authorized agencies for **"Replacement of 6.6 KV HT Panel of ALBC and ARBC Head Works".**The details and any further information can be had with the under signed office during office hours and can be obtained through e-mail, duly placing your request to ee09albc@gmail.com and Cell No: **9620378686**on or before **05-01-2022.** Last date to receive Information quotation is on or before **06-01-2022 at 5.00pm.** The sealed quotation will be opened on **07-01-2022 at 11.00 Am** in the under signed office.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KBJNL, ALBC Division, Almatti

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Bharat Bank
Bharat Co-op. Bank (Mumbai) Ltd.
Multi-State Scheduled Bank

POSSESSION NOTICE

WHEREAS

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd., under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued Demand Notice dated 11.10.2021 calling upon the Principal Borrower **Mr. N Basavaraj,** S/o.Mr.Narasimhaiah H, **Prop. of M/s. Sri Lakshmi Paints** R/at Door No.812, Sy. No.62/2, Vajarahalli, Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru-560 062 to repay the amount mentioned in the Demand Notice being **(i) Rs. 73,97,293/- (Rupees Seventy Three Lac Ninety Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Three)** outstanding as on 30.09.2021 under Cash Credit Limit A/c No.003413100000114 & **(ii) Rs.5,15,456/- (Rupees Five Lac Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Six)** outstanding as on 30.09.2021 under FITL Account No.003434010000119 alongwith further interest & other charges respectively within 60 days from the date of the receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the Borrowers in particular and the public in general that the undersigned has taken the Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub section (4) of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002 on this 28th day of December 2021.

The Borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the said Property and any dealings with the said Property shall be subject to the charge of Bharat Co-Operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd, for an amount being **(i) Rs. 73,97,293/- (Rupees Seventy Three Lac Ninety Seven Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Three)** outstanding as on 30.09.2021 under Cash Credit Limit A/c No.003413100000114 & **(ii) Rs. 5,15,456/- (Rupees Five Lac Fifteen Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Six)** outstanding as on 30.09.2021 under FITL Account No.003434010000119 alongwith further interest & other charges respectively, less amount paid thereafter if any.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing BBMP Khatha No.812, formed out of Old Survey No.62, New Survey No.62/2, (converted under vide conversion order dated 26.03.2005 bearing No.BDS:ALN:SR(S):573/2004-05 issued by special Deputy commissioner Bangalore District) **Vajarahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** measuring East to West 30-00Feet and North to South 80-00 Feet in all measuring 2400 Sq.ft alongwith building constructed thereon consisting of Ground Floor, admeasuring 1675 sq.ft., First Floor, admeasuring 1675 sq.ft., Second Floor, admeasuring 1675 sq.ft. and Terrace Floor, admeasuring 320 sq.ft **total 5345 sq.ft** and bounded on:

East by : Remaining portion of the same property
West by : Property of Santosh Timbers
North by : 100 ft. BDA Road
South by : Property of Sharma Travels.

Sd/- **Dy. General Manager and Authorised Officer,**
Bharat Co-operative Bank (Mumbai) Ltd.
No. 100, Money Terrace, K.H. Road, Bangalore-560 027
Tel : K.H. Road Branch : 080-22121066, 22291942

Place : Bangalore
Date : 28.12.2021

TUMKUR UNIVERSITY
Vishwavidyanilaya Karyalaya, Tumakuru-572103,
Phone: 0816-2254546
No:TUT/G&D/C.GM/2021-22/3457 Date: 01.01.2022

Tender Notification (Through E-procurement only)

Tumkur University has invited the tender applications for Suppy of Gold Medals to 15th Annual convocation through e-procurement portal for the following:

Tender title	Publish date	Last date	Technical & Financial bids opening date
Tender for Supply of Gold Medals to University Convocation	02.01.2022	31.01.2022	02.02.2022

Tender Applications will be received only through e-procurement portal. The details of the tender are notified on the website: www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in For more information you may contact the office of the following:

Sd/- Registrar, Tumkur University, Tumakuru

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
Public Works Department
Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi

No/PWD/CKD DIV/AE-1/TENDER/2021-22/5010 DATE: 01/01/2022

Short Term E-Tender Notification (Call-2)

Executive Engineer PWD Division Chikkodi has invited item wise short term e Re-Tenders from Eligible registered contractors for the works coming under the jurisdiction of Chikodi PWD Division 1 work under head of account 5054-MDR Improvments. Amount put to tender is Rs. 70.18 Lakhs.

Calendar of events :

1) Last date for queries & clarifications : 07-01-2022 up to 5.30 PM 2) Last Date of Receipt of Bids : 10-01-2022 up to 5.00 PM 3) Date of opening of Technical bids (Two Cover System): 12-01-2022 at 4.30 PM 4) Date of opening of Financial bids (Two Cover System): "after approval of Technical bids"

For more information & forms of tender can be downloaded from www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in & departmental web site www.kpwd.gov.in. Further details can be collected from O/o Executive Engineer Public Works Dept.,Division Chikkodi during working hours.

Sd/-Executive Engineer
PWD Division Chikkodi.

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1146/MCA/2021-22

बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र Bank of Maharashtra भारत सरकार का उद्यम एक परिवार एक बैंक

ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH: No.15, Police Station Road, Basavangudi-560004,
Tele: 080-26706723; 26706722
e-mail: bom1934@mahabank.co.in, brmgr1934@mahabank.co.in

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
(Appendix - IV -A)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable and movable properties mortgaged/ charged to the **Bank of Maharashtra,** the **Physical possession** of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Bank of Maharashtra,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 18.01.2022 from 01.00 PM to 05.00 PM,** for recovery of the balance due to the Bank of Maharashtra from the Borrower (s) and Guarantor(s) as mentioned in the table. Details of the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s, amount due, Short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under. **EMD to be deposited by 3 pm on 17.01.2022.** Details of the borrower/s and guarantor/s, amount due, short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under:

Name of Borrower and Guarantor: 1) Mr. K Manjunath, E-865, Balajinagar, Near Hebbagudi, Biocon Factory Hosur Manin Road, Bengaluru-560099. **2) Mr. Krishnappa M,** E-865, Balajinagar, Near Hebbagudi, Biocon Factory Hosur Manin Road, Bengaluru-560099. **3) Mrs. Mala N,** Sy.No.44/44, Behind Biocon Factory Hebbagudi Village, Balaji Nagar, Electronic City Bengaluru-560099.

Amount Due: Rs.1,09,32,617/- plus interest @ 10.20% thereon w.e.f. 17.11.2016 plus unapplied interest, costs, charges and expenses thereon.

Short Description of the immovable property with known encumbrances: All the Piece and parcel of land along with building constructed at 44/4A of Hebbagudi Village, Balaji Nagar, behind Biocon factory, Electronic city Post, Bangalore-560100and **bounded as follows: North:** Road, **East:** Land of Munniyappa, **West:** Land of Munishami, **South:** Land of Krishnappa. **Possession Type: Symbolic**

Reserve Price: Rs.157.00 lakhs **EMD of Rs.15.70 Lakhs**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link **"https://www.bankofmaharashtra.in/propsale.asp"** provided in the Bank's website and also Bank's approved service provider E-Bikray **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp**

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Please treat this also as a notice under Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower(s) and guarantor(s), Mortgagor(s) of the secured debt mentioned above regarding holding the sale on the above mentioned date and time if their outstanding dues mentioned above are not paid in full.

Date: 31.12.2021 **Authorised Officer & Chief Manager**
Place: Bengaluru **Bank of Maharashtra, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru**

बैंक ऑफ महाराष्ट्र Bank of Maharashtra भारत सरकार का उद्यम एक परिवार एक बैंक

Asset Recovery Branch, 1st Floor, No.15, Police Station Road, Basavangudi, Bangalore-560004 Tele: 080-26706723 / 26706722

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES
(Appendix - IV -A)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002. Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s that the below described immovable and movable properties mortgaged/ charged to the **Bank of Maharashtra,** the **Physical possession** of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Bank of Maharashtra,** will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is",** and **"Whatever there is"** basis on **18.01.2022** from **01.00 PM to 05.00 PM,** for recovery of the balance due to the **Bank of Maharashtra** from the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) as mentioned in the table.. Details of the Borrower/s and Guarantor/s, amount due,Short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under. EMD to be deposited by **3 pm on 17.01.2022.** Details of the borrower/s and guarantor/s, amount due, short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under-

Name of Borrower and Guarantor: 1) M/s. TKK Zippers and Threads India Private Limited, No.13/19, 3rd Cross, Marappanapalya, Industrial Suburb, Yashwantpura Bangalore-560052. **2) Mr. Kishore Agarwal,** No.159, 2nd floor, 3rd Main, 3rd Cross, Jaimurthy Nagar, Nandini Layout Bangalore-560096. **3) Mr. Kumaresh A,** SVL Complex, No.55/1, Lakshmana Mudaliar Street, 2nd Cross, Commercial Street. **4) Mr. Stanley D'Cruz,** No.13/9, 3rd Cross, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022.

Amount Due: Rs.3,60,54,610.4/- (Three crore sixty lacs fifty four thousand six hundred and ten rupees and four paise only) as on **12.10.2017** plus unapplied interest thereon w.e.f. **12.10.2017** plus costs, charges and expenses thereon in in respect of Cash Credit facility bearing account number **60237746576** and **Rs.58,76,149.94/-** as on **12.10.2017** plus unapplied interest thereon w.e.f. **12.10.2017** in respect of the Term loan facility bearing account number **60237732552** plus costs, charges and expenses thereon.

Short description of the immovable property with known encumbrances: 1) All the piece and parcel of property portion of old Municipal no.13/1, New No.13/19, situated at Marappanapalya, Division no.2, Bangalore City Corporation, Bangalore. The said property is presently under BBMP, CSC West Counterl, Mahalakshmipura Ward no.10, Marappanapalya, Bangalore PID no.10-73-13/19, Municipal no.13/19 measuring east to west 24 feet and north to south 24 feet and totally admeasuring 576 sq.ft with built up area of RCC Roofed house and is **bounded as follows: East:** Common Passage, **West:** Road, **North:** Property of Mr K M Krishnappa, **South:** 6 ft passage and property of Mr Shafiulla.

2) All the piece and parcel of property portion of old Municipal no.13/1, New no.13/30, situated at Marappanapalya, Division no.2, Bangalore City Corporation, Bangalore. The said property presently comes under BBMP, CSC West Counterl, Mahalakshmipura Ward no.10, Marappanapalya, Bangalore PID no.10-73-13/30, Municipal no.13/30 measuring east to west 40 feet and north to south 40 feet and western side: 30 feet, eastern side: 40 feet in all totally measuring of 1400 sq.ft and is **bounded as follows: East:** Private Property, **West:** Remaining portion of Municipal No.13/1, **North:** Shri K M Byrappa's property, **South:** Mrs. Narayanamma's property.

Reserve Price: Rs.130.00 lacs **EMD: Rs.13.00 lacs**

Possession Type: Physical Possession

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link **"https://www.bankofmaharashtra.in/propsale.asp"** provided in the Bank's website and also E-Bikrayportal **(www.ibapi.in)**

STATUTORY 15 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

Please treat this also as a notice under Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 to the borrower(s) and guarantor(s), Mortgagor(s) of the secured debt mentioned above regarding holding the sale on the above mentioned date and time if their outstanding dues mentioned above are not paid in full.

Date: 31.12.2021 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, & Chief Manager**
Place: Bengaluru **Bank of Maharashtra, Asset Recovery Branch, Bengaluru**

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients **Lakshmamma and others** have filed the above petition for the death certificate of one **Late Budugappa S/o Late Kaniyappa** who died **on 18.08.1996 at Savakanahalli village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District.** If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble Additional Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and the date of hearing **on 01/02/2022 at 11.00 A.M. in C. Mis No.163/2021.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Sri C. Gangadhara, Advocate

PUBLIC NOTICE

On behalf of my client **BIOCON ELECTRIC (P) LIMITED Represented by its Managing Director SRI. PRAVEEN KUMAR JAIN,** Having its Office at No. 234, 2 nd Floor, Above Hotel Vijay Vihar, Garudachar Complex, Chickpet, BENGALURU – 560 053, to the information of General Public that my client Company is intending to purchase the Converted land bearing Survey No. 50/2, Measuring to an extent of 08 guntas, in Survey No. 49, Measuring to an extent of 03 guntas and in No. 47/4, Measuring to an extent of 01 gunta, in all 12 guntas, situated at Valagere Kalla Halli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District-562125 from one **SRI. THIPPA REDDY** Son of late. Naytha Reddy, aged about 65 years, Resident of Valagere Kalla Halli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District- 562125 and others, for valuable sale consideration and bounded on Schedule Item No. 1 East by Land in Survey No.49, West by Property belongs to Government and Jayaramachari, North by Land belongs to Kurubara Nagappa and K.N. Muniswamy, South by Property belongs to K.L. Gopal Reddy, Schedule Item No. 2 East by Land in Survey No.47/4, West by Land in Survey No. 50/2, North by Land belongs to Kurubara Kariyanna and Muninagappa, South by Property belongs to K.L. Gopal Reddy and Schedule Item No. 3 East by Land belongs to Chowada Reddy, West by Property in Survey No. 49, North by Land belongs to Kurubara Kariyanna, South by Property belongs to K.L. Gopal Reddy. It is informed to the General Public that my client's Company is intending to purchase the above said property by paying Valuable Sale Consideration.

If there is any independent, joint, absolute or any right over the entire schedule properties. If anyone is already purchased or enters intoAgreement of Sale or enters into Mortgage or any kind in order to purchase the above schedule properties, please contact me over my Cell Phone No.094484-68905 within 15 days without fail, in failing which my client's Company is ready and willing to purchase the same bypaying the entire sale consideration to SRI. THIPPA REDDY, Son of late. Naytha Reddy and my Client's Company is not liable to vacateand hand over the aforesaid properties to any one after transaction. Schedule of the aforesaid properties is as follows: -

SCHEDULE ITEM No.1

All that piece and parcel of Converted land bearing Survey No. 50/2, Measuring to an extent of 08 guntas, situated at ValagereKalla Halli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District- 562125 and bounded on the EAST BY: Land in Survey No.49, WEST BY: Property belongs Government and Jayaramachari, NORTH BY: Land belongs to Kurubara Nagappa and K.N. Muniswamy, SOUTH BY: Property belongs to K.L. Gopal Reddy.

SCHEDULE ITEM No.2

All that piece and parcel of Converted land bearing Survey No. 49, Measuring to an extent of 03 guntas, situated at Valagere Kalla Halli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District- 562125 and bounded on the EAST BY : Land in Survey No.47/4, WEST BY: Land in Survey No.50/2, NORTH BY: Land belongs to Kurubara Kariyanna and Muninagappa, SOUTH BY: Property belongs to K.L. Gopal Reddy.

SCHEDULE ITEM No.3

All that piece and parcel of Converted land bearing Survey No. 47/4, Measuring to an extent of 01 gunta, situated at ValagereKalla Halli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District- 562125 and bounded on the EAST BY: Land belongs to Chowada Reddy, WEST BY: Land in Survey No.49, NORTH BY: Land belongs to Kurubara Kariyanna, SOUTH BY: Property belongs to K.L. Gopal Reddy.

Sd/- **LOKANATHA. K,** Advocate,
No.1, 1 st Floor, 2 nd Main,
Gandhinagar, BENGALURU – 560 009.
Cell. No. 9448468905.
Place: BENGALURU, Date: 27/12/2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

Notice U/s. 13(2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 is being issued by ICICI Bank Ltd. (on underlying pool assigned to ICICI Bank by Dewan Housing Finance Ltd.) in relation to the enforcement of security in respect of a housing loan facility granted pursuant to a loan agreement entered into between DHFL and the following borrower(s) who have defaulted in repayment of principal and interest of loans facility obtained by them from secured creditor and loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them on their last known addresses, however, it has returned un-served and hence, they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Loan Account Number (DHFL Old LAN & ICICI New LAN) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset / Asset tobe Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Kumar A N/ Thejaswini G V- C/o Gowramma, 15/1, 4th Cross, Magadi Main Road, Kottigepalya, Near Ganesha Temple, Bangalore-560091/ DHFL LAN 02800005885/ ICICI LAN QZSGA00005024482	All That Piece and Parcel of The Property Bearing 2nd Stage Site No.475 and 512 Measuring 6*9 Meter, 3rd Stage Site No.37 and 38 Measuring 6*9 Meter, Situated At Guddenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli Hassan Taluk, Under The Limits of Hassan City Development Authority,	27.08.2021 Rs. 19,99,982/-	30.04.2021

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : January 01, 2022 **Authorized Officer**
Place: Bangalore **ICICI Bank Limited**

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

Indiaranagar Branch,
No. 628/1, 1st Stage, Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560 038,
Ph: 080-25256593, Ph: 9483520430
e-mail : cb0430@canarabank.com

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

Auction Sale Notice of Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **INDIRANAGAR of the Canara Bank,** will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" **29.01.2022 Time : 11.00 am to 3.00 p m** for recovery of Rs. liability amount (available in list attached) due to the Indiranagar of Canara Bank from borrower name (as per list) and guarantor name (as per list)

The reserve price will be Rs. (As per list) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.(As per list). The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **27.01.2022 at 4.00 pm.**

EMD shall be deposited by way of DD favouring Authorised officer, Canara Bank, Indiranagar Branch OR through online (RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer) to credit the account number 7949295000001, Canara Bank, RO EAST, Bangalore RTGS/NEFT CODE IFSC:CNRB0007949.

Details and full description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any. (As per list)

Sl. No.	Name and Addess of the Borrower/Guarantor	Liabilities as on date plus interest and other charges thereon	Reserve Price & EMD	DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTIES
1.	**M/s. H M S Corporation ,** Purushotham DG (Proprietor), No. 279, Sl. No. 564, 1st Floor, Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru.	**Rs.1,94,10,020.15 as on 28.12.2021**	**Reserve Price Rs.1,54,60,200/- EMD Rs.15,46,020/-**	Property bearing No. 9, measuring 2555 sq.ft. situated at Vallabhanagar, Konanakunte Cross, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore - 560 062. Boundaries : East : Private Property, West : 30 ft Road, North : Site No. 8, South : Site No. 10.
2.	**M/s.Kartar Corporation Mr. M . Doraswamy Reddy** (Proprietor), No. 279, Sl. No. 56, Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru - 560 078	**Rs.2,75,60,996.86 as on 28.12.2021**	**Reserve Price Rs.2,18,50,850/- EMD Rs.21,85,085/-**	Property bearing No. 18, measuring 2860 sq.ft. situated at Vallabhanagar, Konanakunte Cross, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore - 560 062. Boundaries : East : Site No. 19 and 20, West : Site No. 17, North : Private Proeprty, South : 30 ft Road,
3.	**M/s. Krishna Cement Blocks and Cements Ramdas Kalisetty** (Proprietor), No 770/2, Gerehalli, Hosakere halli Man Road, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-560085.	**Rs.2,32, 41,408.67 as on 28.12.2021**	**Reserve Price Rs.1,37,97,000/- EMD Rs.13,79,700/-**	Property bearing No. 7, measuring 2836 sq.ft. situated at Vallabhanagar, Konanakunte Cross, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore - 560 062. Boundaries : East : Private Proeprty, West : 30 ft Road, North : Remaining of Site No. 7 , South : Site No. 8.

Sale notice dated 28.12.2021: Terms and conditions: Any statutory dues like property tax, water,sewerage,electricity bill etc., (past and future) has to be borne by the buyer only. Only those bidders having valid Login ID and Password on e-auction portal and has confirmed payment of EMD and uploaded their KYC details on e-auction portal will only be permitted to participate in the e-auction.

The property can be inspected, with prior Appointment with Authorised Officer on **21.01.2022 between 2.00 p.m. to 4.00** pm

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link provided in Service providers website https://indianbankseauction.com or may contact **Canara Bank , Indiranagar Branch** (Ph.No-080-25256593, 9483520430) e-mail id –cb0430@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s.Canbank Computer Services Ltd, Bangalore - e- mail: **eauction@ccsl.co.in** Contact Persons & Numbers:- Mr. Pakhare DD/ Mr.Ramesh T H – 9480691777 & 8553643144.

Date :28.12.2021
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank.

Government of Karnataka
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE DEPARTMENT ENGINEERING DIVISION, DHARWAD
(Office of the, Executive Engineer, H & FWD, Division, Dharwad
Phone : **0836 -2955800** E-mail : **eehfwedvndwd@gmail.com)**

No: H&FW/EE/Div/Dwd/AE-1/Amrutha Yojane/Tender- 760/2021-22 Dated : 01-01-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION

The Executive Engineer, H&FWD, Engg., Division, Dharwad invites tender from contractors registered in KPWD in Single cover system as per Karnataka Transparency in Public Procurement at, 1999 & Rules 2000 through e-procurement platform for the following works. **Stipulated period for completion of the work is 3 Months (Including Monsoon)** Contractor Eligibility : Class-III & above.

Sl. No	Description of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. in lakhs)	EMD (Rs. in lakhs)
	DHARWAD DISTRICT		
1	Repair & Renovation of 9 P.H.Cs at **Garag, Uppinbetageri, Alnavar, Mugad** in Dharwad Tq., **Shiraguppi, Noolvi, Aralikatti, Byahatti** in Hubali Tq., & **Morab** in Navalgund Tq., **(Package-6)**	**180.00**	**2.70**
2	Repair & Renovation of 9 P.H.Cs at **Ganjigatti, Mukkal, Bammigatti, Sangameshwar** in Kalaghatagi Tq., **Alagawadi, Javoor, Annigeri,** in Navalgund Tq., **Ingalagi, Gudageri** in Kundagol Tq., **(Package-7)**	**180.00**	**2.70**
	GADAG DISTRICT		
3	Repair & Renovation of 9 P.H.C at **Lakkundi, Huilgol, Hombal, Nagavi, Horti, Kurathkoti** in Gadag Tq., & **Khadmpur, Bagewadi, Hammagi in Mundargi** Tq., **(Package-6)**	**180.00**	**2.70**
4	Repair & Renovation of 9 P.H.C at **Mushigeri, Soodi, Savadi, Yavagal, Abbigeri** in Ron Tq., & **Shirol** in Naragund Tq., **& Belatti, Yelavatti, Kalakeri** in Mundaragi Tq., **(Package-7)**	**180.00**	**2.70**
	HAVERI DISTRICT		
5	Repairs & Renovation of 9 PHCs **Devagiri, Karjgi, Mevundi** Haveri Tq., & **Hirebendigeri, Chndapura** Shiggaon Tq., & **Hattimattur, Yalavigi, Tavaramalahalli** Savanur Tq., & **Chikkabasur** Byadagi Tq., **(Package-6)**	**180.00**	**2.70**
6	Repairs & Renovation of 9 PHCs **Sunakalbidari, Tumminakatti** Ranebennur Tq., & **Belagalpet, Chikkanshi-Hosur, Sheshagiri,** Hangal Tq., & **Chikkerur, Madlur** Hirekerur Tq., & **Hallur, Kadur** Rattihalli Tq., **(Package-7)**	**180.00**	**2.70**
	UTTAR KANNADA DISTRICT		
7	Repairs & Renovation of 9 PHCs **Bilagi, Kolasirsi** Siddapur **Tq., & Hunadunda**, Mundagod Tq., & **Banavasi, Menasi, Salakani,** Sirasi Tq., & **Kundaragi,** Yallapur Tq., & **Belavatagi, Bhagavathi** Haliyal Tq., **(Package-6)**	**180.00**	**2.70**
8	Repairs & Renovation of 9 PHCs **Bailur, Muradeshwara,** Bhatkal Tq., & **Haladipura, Salakoda, Gerusoppa** Honnavar Tq., & **Hattikeri, Ankola Tq.,** & **Bankikodlu, Kagal** Kumata Tq., & **Halaga,** Karwar Tq., **(Package-7)**	**180.00**	**2.70**
	BELAGAVI DISTRICT		
9	Repairs & Renovation of 9 PHCs at **Kakamari** in Athani Taluka, **Vadagaon** in Belagavi Taluka, **Uchangaon** in Belagavi Taluka, **Mamadapur** in Gokak Taluka, **Shindikurbet** in Gokak Taluka, **Noginhal** in Hukkeri Taluka, **Hulloli** in Hukkeri Taluka, **Bugate Allur** in Hukkeri Taluka, **Arjunwad** in Hukkeri Taluka **(Package-6)**	**180.00**	**2.70**
10	Repairs & Renovation of 9 PHCs at in **Yadur** Chikodi Taluka **Ganebail** in Khanapur Taluka, **Tukanatti** in Mudalagi Taluka, **Nasalapur** in Raibag Taluka, **Hidkal** in Raibag Taluka, **Sureban** in Ramdurg **Taluka, Katakol** in Ramdurg Taluka, **Inamhongal** in Savadatti Taluka, **Munavalli** in Savadatti Taluka **(Package-7)**	**180.00**	**2.70**
	VIJAYAPUR DISTRICT		
11	Repair & Renovation of 9 PHCs at **Honnutagi, Honawad, Kanamadi, in** Vijaypur Tq. & **Managuli, Mulawad, Ronihal, Golasangi** in B.Bagewadi Tq. & **Konnur, Karignur** in Muddebihal Tq. **(Package-6)**	**180.00**	**2.70**
12	Repair & Renovation of 9 PHCs at **Madikeshwar** in Muddebihal Tq. & **Atharga, Inchageri, Tamba, Lachyan,** in Indi Tq. & **Malaghan, Aski, Korwar, Balaganur** in Sindagi Tq. **(Package-7)**	**180.00**	**2.70**
	BAGALKOT DISTRICT		
13	Repair & Renovation of 9 PHCs at **Kaladagi** in Bagalkote Tq. & **Halkurki, Pattadkall, Kakanur** in Badami Tq. & **Galgali** in Bilagi Tq. & **Marol, Hiresingangutti, Amingad** in Hunagund Tq. & **Malali** in Mudhol Tq. **(Package-6)**	**180.00**	**2.70**
14	Repair & Renovation of 9 PHCs at **Metagudda, Uttoor** in Mudhol Tq. & **Gothe, Linganur, Chikkaligi Cross, Savalagi, Konnur, Hipparagi, Chimmad** in Jamkhandi Tq. **(Package-7)**	**180.00**	**2.70**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS :

(1) Last date for receipt of Tender : **10.01.2022** up to 17-30 hrs (2) Date of opening of Tender : **12.01.2022** at 11-00 hrs. The tender details can be downloaded from the e-Procurement platform (**www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**) Tenders shall be submitted electronically, EMD, Tender Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically. Interested contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender.

NOTE : (1) All the rights are reserved by the under signed for postponement or cancellation of entire Tender process, rejection of bids/individual bid etc., without assigning any reason. (2) Henceforth, any changes in the schedule will not be published through newspapers and further changes in respect of this tender notification will be uploaded on e-procurement portal only.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
DIPR/DWD/MCA/821/2021-22 **H&FWD Engg. Division, Dharwad.**

"It's a new art form, showing people how little we care." Lorde

HOPE 2022: INDIA'S RISE IN $100 TN GLOBAL GDP

IT is not all gloom and doom up ahead. There is good news amidst headlines about the world wrestling with the humongous footprint of the Omicron wave as travellers are grounded, flights are cancelled, work from home is extended and cities are under curfew. The world economy is expected to be at a better place, on a higher ledge at the end of 2022.

In its 2022 report, the Centre for Economic and Business Research informs that better than expected economic growth (at 4.2 per cent) will propel world GDP to over $100 trillion, higher than it was pre-pandemic and ahead of the previous deadline of 2024. The feel good factor for India is that it will overtake France in 2022 to occupy the position of the sixth largest economy in the world.

The contrast, the despair triggered by the new wave and the hope about the economy, is riveting – even though not entirely inexplicable. Public sentiments are influenced by the view in the rear view mirror, largely the experiential. Economic forecasts are forward looking and estimate the response of what Adam Smith called 'invisible hands', and more contextually resilience, to crisis and change. Of course, much depends on how the world navigates the pandemic — and the next Black Swan event.

THE THIRD EYE
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The details of the CEBR report merit granular attention. The GDP of the United States at over $22 trillion is larger than the combined GDP of over 150 countries. Just four countries — US, China, Japan and Germany — account for over half of world GDP. That said, the centre of economic gravity is visibly shifting to Asia with China, Japan, India and Korea adding up to over $26 trillion in 2021. The report forecasts that while China will overtake the US to top the table in 2030, India will overtake Germany by 2031 to be the third largest economy of the world with a GDP of over $6.8 trillion.

In a sense, this could be interpreted as a reversion to a historic mean. In his seminal research on who was where in the global economy, British economist Angus Maddison has estimated that incomes in west Europe in 1000 were below that in India and China. In the 1700s, India and China commanded major shares in global trade. This was before the wealth and resources of India (and that of China) was plundered by the colonial powers post the 18th century. By 1950, both India and China were penurious and disadvantaged in the global economy. The return of China and India to the top rankings, even if three centuries later, also signals a tectonic shift in geopolitics.

It is true that the rise and re-ranking of China and India was and is powered by demography. Equally it is useful to note that demography by itself does not necessarily deliver the desired destiny — around 42 per cent of India's workforce is deployed in agriculture and must subsist on a sixth of national income. To appreciate, consider the march of demography. India is expected to overtake China in population by around 2026. When it does so, India will have more people than China in about one-third the geographical area and its GDP at around $4.6 trillion will be roughly a sixth of China's GDP at $24 trillion.

India's biggest challenge is to shift its workforce to productive domains. Reconfiguring growth calls for sequencing and speed in reforms. The rise of China illustrates this. In 1990, China's GDP was $360 billion and India was at $320 billion. China modernised agriculture followed by rapid opening up of its economy in the Deng Xiaoping era.

India was slow off the block. The much praised '1991 liberalisation' came in the wake of a crisis, and reforms have been in fits and starts. Economic growth demands the leveraging of the factors of productivity — land, labour, capital and now technology. Attempts to liberate productivity have been shackled by parochial partisan politics at the Centre and the states. Leverage of technology is constrained by inadequacies in the regulatory landscape. In 2021, China's GDP stands at $ 16.8 trillion while that of India is $2.95 trillion.

Change need not await another crisis. India is poised at the cusp of a global rethink and pivot given the faultlines emerging in China. As the world pivots to prop supply chain resilience, India can be the producer and the consumer which global economies are looking for. It can showcase its visible techno prowess (and the emergence of unicorns) to position itself as the investment destination for the much vaunted 'fourth industrial revolution'. Clearly, capitalising on the opportunity demands a quantum change in legislation and regulation.

It has been frequently argued that India's demographic dividend is detained and hurt by a democracy discount. The bane is not democracy per se but the practitioners of politics. The fact is the dynamics of politics allow India's parties to oppose while in opposition that which they propose in power. India's political class is invested in rent-politics and has forged a strong consensus for weak reforms.

Aspirational Indians await the dismantling of status quoism – for India to live up to the promise of its potential. The post pandemic landscape of the economy calls for a reset in how the political class practise politics.

HOW TO EAT YOUR CAKE AND HAVE IT TOO

POINT OF VIEW
T J S GEORGE

NOW that 2022 is two days old, how are things fanning out? Too early to say, perhaps. But the usual tendency to decry the old and welcome the new is not as strong as in previous New Year seasons. The sense of bad days is persisting. Optimism is being diluted by continuing setbacks. There have been 3.48 crore Corona cases during the year with 4.8 lakh deaths. And there are no signs of things easing up.

One reason for this is the overwhelming importance of politics in the lives of people. In developed countries, this does not happen because things other than politics, such as sports and arts, play dominant roles in everyday lives. In countries like India, everything depends on politicians and their intentions. And more often than not, their self-interests become the fulcrum on which other things revolve.

That this is the central reality of Narendra Modi, and his handling of power was underlined recently by someone who has been a Modi-watcher from close quarters. Aakar Patel, the columnist who knows Modi well, didn't mince words when he said: "Modi is reckless, impetuous and unconcerned about consequences." Patel's recent book *'Price of the Modi Years'* stressed the point that "Modi has no vision for Indian society other than to reject inclusion."

> Nehru upheld Indian values and was never seen merely as a Congress party apparatchik. Modi will never come anywhere near him although he made it clear on more than one occasion that he considered himself — and wanted to be considered by others — in the class of Nehru

Academicians make the same point in a more authoritative voice. Arjun Appadurai, anthropologist and major voice in the cultural dynamics of globalisation, described Modi's rule as a continuation of the British concept of ruling India. "Many of his policies draw from imperial rule and treat dissidents as a threat, just as the British did. This is the behaviour of conquerors, and not of democratically elected leaders. And that is how the leadership of the BJP sees itself." He put it bluntly when he said: "I see the Modi regime as direct descendants of the British Raj and its politics. The current BJP rule is British Empire 2." He went on to emphasise: "The grand climax: The cutting down of trees, the destruction of major archives and museums, the crushing of living memories in the heart of Lutyens' Delhi."

He didn't say that the description "Lutyens' Delhi" had hurt Modi who would rather have the world see the Indian Capital as "Modi's Delhi." But he saw things in perspective when he said: "The Central Vista project is a massive signal to the population of Delhi, India and the world that there is a new conqueror in the Capital and that this conqueror has infinite time, money and power in its hands. The destruction of Lutyens' Delhi and of the historical Rajpath is just collateral damage in the signalling exercise. The reconquest of India by its current Hindutva rulers is part of a battle of ideas. It must be fought and won in that battlefield."

Modi, shrewd as always, put it in a nationalistic framework. "Due to colonial mentality," he said, "obstacles are put in the development of our own country, sometimes in the name of freedom of expression." Yes, people expressing their views with freedom is a problem. Modi's determination to remove obstacles in his way has sent a message to all. The message instantly reached officials in Gangtok, Sikkim. The strategically important road in this area was known as Jawaharlal Nehru Marg. Overnight, it changed into Narendra Modi Marg. Local leaders explained that the name change was in appreciation of the free vaccines and rations made available during Covid days. May be. But it also had a direct bearing on Modi's ambition to be recognised as the premier symbol of Indian democracy. It is no secret that Modi never liked Nehru being admired by all.

Of course, he will never ever replace Nehru in the annals of history. Nehru upheld Indian values and was never seen merely as a Congress party apparatchik. Modi will never come anywhere near him although he made it clear on more than one occasion that he considered himself — and wanted to be considered by others — in the class of Nehru. He did not approve of Nehru, and he resented the fact that the people of India held Nehru and his values in high esteem. He did not want to be seen as lesser than such a hero.

But of course, you can't have your cake and eat it too. We are all human and we love our cakes. So we eat them and end up as having no cake. But we enjoyed eating them, didn't we? So what is there to complain? Modi won't complain. He knows how to have his cake and eat it too.

MODI MOVES MOUNTAINS AND MOLEHILLS TO MASTER MACHINATIONS

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MODI'S PUNJAB GAMBIT COULD SPRING SURPRISES

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is adept in converting adversity into opportunity. The BJP is a political weakling in Punjab, which goes to polls next month. It has rarely ever crossed the double-digits in the 117-member House or contested over 25 seats. It has just two MLAs in the outgoing Assembly. But such dismal data doesn't deter Modi and Amit Shah from trying to create an election stunner. If all goes according to plan, the BJP would be for the first time contesting the largest number of seats after the ruling Congress. It had always hung on the coattails of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) under its patriarch Prakash Singh Badal.

Now, for the first time, the saffron outfit will be leading an alliance of its own. Partners are **Amarinder Singh** who junked the Congress to launch his own Punjab Lok Congress (PLC). Prominent Akali leader **Sukhdev Singh Dhindsa** quit SAD to float Shiromani Akali Dal (Sanyukt)-SAD(S). Both would be contesting under the saffron standard. The BJP has always thrived and survived through mergers, defections and acquisitions. Modi is betting on a multi-cornered contest to prevent SAD, Congress and AAP from winning a majority.

Both Amarinder and Dhindsa aren't asking for much; the BJP could offer them a total of 60 tickets and contest the remaining 57 primarily in the cities. It would be happy to let SAD-S and PLC tackle SAD as the BJP takes on the Congress on all seats. BJP leaders whisper that their party expects to win more seats than its two partners and form the government by corralling rebels from other parties after Amarinder and Dhindsa transfer rebel Akali and Congress votes in urban areas.

However, the CM face is a tricky turn. The BJP is in no mood to concede the top post to its partners. Unfortunately, it lacks a local leader with the requisite support either in the state unit or from the people. During the past three decades, its central leadership didn't let local bigwigs like Navjot Sindhu rise, yielding to pressure from the Badal Parivar. If the BJP's strike rate turns out to be better than that of its allies, Punjab may deliver a miracle mandate. *Modi hai to mumkin hai* is on test in Punjab.

LUCKY IN LUCKNOW WITH NEW BABU?

Modi is the master of surprises in selecting babus for sensitive posts. In the past seven years, he has junked convention and archaic government rules while drafting civil servants to face new responsibilities and challenges. His message: show me the face, and I'll frame the rules to accommodate the apparatchik. Reemployment and extension of services of retiring babus is not the exception but the rule. **Durga Shanker Mishra**, an IAS officer of 1984 batch of UP cadre, was about to retire as Secretary, Housing and Urban Development on December 31. According to North Block scuttlebutt, he was expecting an elevation at the Centre. But Modi had other plans. Mishra enjoys a clean reputation and is known as a tough taskmaster. The PM's view is that while Uttar Pradesh has a strong chief minister in Yogi Adityanath, it also requires an equally powerful and effective archon to shake the local bureaucracy from its slumber. Modi is impressed with Mishra who accelerated the implementation of his favourite schemes like Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

Moreover, Mishra is conversant with the complicated and caste-ridden state bureaucracy and style of working. Surprisingly, he is plunging into murky waters just before the implementation of the poll code of conduct, which would cripple his authority. But he has been given an unprecedented one-year mission as chief secretary and would now retire only in December 2022. The BJP hopes to return to power and expects its super babu in Lucknow to play a significant role in the deployment of senior bureaucrats afterwards. There is speculation in the state capital that Mishra has been sent with a long-term agenda to overhaul the administration for ensuring better performance with accountability. The outcome of 2022 will reveal whether the paratrooper panjandrum is part of Modi's Mission 2024 or not.

IT VERSUS I-T IN TECH TROUBLES

The golden rule of Corporate India is that it must get the credit for success while government agencies get the blame for failures. Friday evening was the last date for filing I-T returns after the deadline was extended twice due to technical and Covid-related reasons. Around seven crore taxpayers were yet to submit their details. However, according to the I-T department, only about 5.78 crore ITRs for AY 2021-22 were filed till Friday evening — much less than the 5.95 crore ITRs last year and less than 6.78 crore ITRs in 2019-20. Why the nosedive? Neither the government nor the agencies responsible for the high-tech filing system are schtum. Even on the last day, numerous taxpayers were struggling on the portal to file their documents and took to social media to air their woes. The sarkar officially denied any glitches. However, in an informal briefing, Infosys got the blame.

It was case of IT versus I-T — two years ago the global tech giant was awarded ₹4,200 crore to provide a new I-T portal to reduce the processing period from 63 days to just a day. It was meant to be taxpayer friendly, simple in design with quick refunds. But there is little progress despite repeated scolding from the Finance Ministry. But powerfully connected admirers and promoters of the now foreign-owned Indian megacorp are discrediting the I-T department. They say, it is piqued over the prospect of losing its arbitrary powers, and has been arm-twisting Infosys to change the specifications and alter the scope of its original mandate.

THE JUNIORS GET A SAY

Modi is known to be a whiz at getting his wishes, directions and decisions implemented without delay. For the past few months, he has been pushing for enhanced involvement of Ministers of State in the decision-making process and using them to implement government agenda to speed up the completion of various infrastructure projects and other policy changes. Currently, Ministers of State feel left out even with an office, car, a nine-member personal staff and a Type VII Lutyens bungalow.

As a practice, MoSs are never invited to Cabinet meetings and hardly get a chance to meet the PM unless they are specially called. Modi has decided to hold regular meetings of his 78-member Cabinet to which all the 45 MoSs will be invited. In one of the initial meetings, he advised the Cabinet Ministers to give more authority to their juniors. But it was brought to Modi's notice that a few senior, seasoned mantris have not taken his advice seriously; in fact, some of them even ask their juniors to prepare the answers to Parliament questions but not open their mouths in the House. Now, the juniors are looking for an appropriate opportunity to brief the Prime Minister on their forced redundancy.

QUOTE CORNER

We must remind Beijing to not misjudge the situation and to prevent the internal expansion of 'military adventurism'. ... Military is definitely not an option for solving cross-strait disagreements. Conflicts would impact economic stability...

Tsai Ing-wen, Taiwan president

And since mothers bestow life, and women 'keep' the world, let us all make greater efforts to promote mothers and to protect women. How much violence is directed against women! Enough! To hurt a woman is to insult God...

Pope Francis, head of the Roman Catholic Church

He (security chief) didn't give me more than two minutes. My instructions wertr to prepare for departure for Khost. He told me Khost had fallen. I didn't know where we will go. Only when we took off, it became clear that we were leaving

Ashraf Ghani, former Afghanistan president

MAILBAG WRITE TO letters@newindianexpress.com

Jinnah and birth of Pakistan

This is with reference to the editorial – History can not be erased by renaming public monuments. The concluding sentence "If BJP leaders aren't convinced, they can take a lesson on Jinnah from veteran leader L K Advani" explains everything. Jinnah had no relation to Islam except through his name. Once when some students in London suggested him a separate country for Muslims, he said it was an impossible dream. The British had decided to divide India and they told Jinnah to ask for a separate state. Whatever one attributes to Jinnah, he was secular and never a fanatic. No more Hindus or Muslims hereafter, only Pakistanis and Indians, he declared on assuming charge as president.

M Haneef, Kottayam

Unhealthy CM-Guv rivalry

Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan got an opportunity to take revenge against Governor Arif Mohd Khan using the Vice Chancellor of Kerala University to veto the proposal of conferring Honorary D'Litt to President Ram Nath Kovind. ('Pinarayi nixed Guv's proposal to give D Litt to Kovind'). The CM and the Governor are at loggerheads on the reappointment of Kannur University vice-chancellor Gopinath Ravindran is something well-known. The Governor is not at all happy with the Kerala Government by openly saying that there are so many things which he does not wish to make public.

V Venkitasubramanian, Coimbatore

IMD's shocking admission

It was really shocking to note the India Meteorological Department's reason – lack of availability of data – for its failure in predicting rains which has battered some districts of Tamil Nadu, including Chennai, since Thursday evening. The governments and the general public count on the IMD's forecast for taking precautionary measures in the event of incessant rainfall or cyclone or floods. To say that it does not have the necessary infrastructure to perform its duty is the poor consolation for the people in particular.

S Ramakrishnasayee, Chennai

No politics over Lord Ram

It was quite amusing to read the news clip 'Who forced Ram Lalla to stay in tent, asks Shah' (Jan 1). Lord Ram as infant may have lived in a palace, but he grew up like ordinary mortal at an ashram in forest. And as an adult, he turned out to be maryadha purshottam and followed father's order and lived in a hut. It is we the so-called followers placed his idol inside an abode to exploit his name and make money and, in the process, forgot to follow his ideals. I think Home Minister Amit Shah should take time off to understand the essence of Ramayana and stop using God's name for votes.

N Nagarajan, Secunderabad

Stop international flights

As Omicron is surging in India, it is better that the government stops all international flights for a fortnight as a precautionary measure to prevent its spread. India has faced enough damage in the first and second waves. If we allow international flights, it is likely to worsen the situation. When the government has closed parliamentary sessions before the scheduled date, then why it cannot stop all international flights and elections immediately?

T Kailash Ditya, Hyderabad

Keep govt out of temples

Karnataka's decision to free temples from government control has to be welcomed in principle. Since India is a secular country, the government should not be controlling the places of worship of only one religion or for that matter any religion. Such control could have been justified before the word 'secular' was added to the Preamble of the Constitution in 1976. The government is an anonymous entity and decisions are taken by individuals who may have little or no respect for the Hindi faith. Those who are opposing the unshackling of the temples raise the point that the funds could be misused. There is more likelihood of the funds being misused if the government controls them.

KR Jayaprakash Rao, Mysuru

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Priyanka Chaturvedi @priyankac19
I have repeatedly asked IT Minister @AshwiniVaishnawji to take action against communal targeting of women through #sullideals

Sukhbir Badal @officeofssbadal
Cong gov t has failed to identify culprits behind heinous act of sacrilege at Sri Harmandar Sahib, with culprits disfiguring a Shivling

Mahua Moitra @MahuaMoitra
Ex-CM Fadnavis says TMC has outsourced Goa polls to event manager. Buddy, its the same one that brought your boss to power!

Police remove people from the site where a protest was planned in Srinagar | PTI

House arrest won't deter us: Gupkar

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

THE Gupkar Alliance on Article 370 restoration on Saturday asserted it would continue its struggle after its leaders were put under house arrest and not allowed by the administration to protest against the Delimitation Commission's draft proposal of allotting six additional Assembly seats to Jammu and only one to Kashmir.

"We will not give up. We will continue our struggle and will raise our voice. We will not be cowed down," Gupkar Alliance spokesman and CPI (M) leader Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami told this daily.

Tarigami, with PDP chief Mehboboa Mufti and National Conference president Farooq Abdullah and vice-president Omar Abdullah, were placed under house arrest. They were scheduled to stage a protest against the Delimitation Commission's draft proposal. Security personnel and vehicles were deployed outside the residences of the leaders.

The Gupkar Alliance had announced a protest would be staged on Saturday. The parties have rejected the Delimitation Commission's draft proposal, saying that Kashmir's population is about 15 lakh more than that of Jammu.

Referring to the restrictions, Tarigami said, "This is what they stand for. This is how they are treating the people of Kashmir. This confirms our concern. This is their real face on Kashmir."

Terming the Delimitation Commission proposals 'very divisive', he said, "It amounts to further disempowering the people of Kashmir. They want more disempowerment of the people of Kashmir and their aim is to divide the ranks of people and pitch regions and communities against one another just for the votes." The Gupkar Alliance spokesman said alliance leaders would be meeting soon to chalk out future strategy.

"Government of India trumpets scrapping Article 370 & dismembering J&K throughout the country but is deeply paranoid & intolerant when people of J&K want to protest against its disempowerment," tweeted Mufti.

'Indian firms eye acquisition, building brand abroad expensive'

IN conversation with senior journalist **Kaveree Bamzai**, Business Strategist and Brand Leader **Rama Bijapurkar** said a lot of Indian companies have chosen to acquire brands overseas rather than exporting a brand and building a brand elsewhere. She was speaking at The New Indian Express' e-expressions as part of the Platinum Pride series to celebrate 75 years of Indian independence.

"It is my observation, over time, that a lot of Indian companies have chosen to go through the route of acquiring brands overseas rather than exporting a brand and building a brand elsewhere. We prefer the acquisition route with an exception of the Tatas," she said.

EXPRESS expressions FEAR NONE. FAVOUR NONE

Brand Custodian of the Tata Group, **Harish Bhat,** was also part of the session along with Bijapurkar.

Bhat said the Tata Group follows the trend of both acquisitions and making homegrown global. He said, "A homegrown brand like the Taj Group of Hotels is in many countries around the world. Last year, it was ranked to be the world's strongest hospitality brand. Tata Consultancy Services is present in more than a hundred countries globally and it is a dominant name in its field." He added, "On the other hand, you have examples of Tetley and Jaguar Land Rover which have been acquired by the Tata Group over the years."

When you compare ₹70 to a dollar, it is easier to buy and acquire rather than put a large amount of investment required to build a brand
Rama Vijapurkar

Every sector must have companies that have global ambition. I would love to see Tanishq go global. Some of its products are fabulous
Harish Bhat

Answering a question regarding the reason behind several Indian companies preferring the acquisition route, Bijapurkar said, "It has happened because when you compare ₹70 to a dollar, it is easier to buy and acquire rather than put a large amount of investment required to build a brand. Building brand overseas is an expensive proposition."

Bhat said that in order to go truly global, Indian companies need to focus on three or four new markets.

"Every sector must have companies that have global ambition. I would love to see Tanishq go global. Some of its products are fabulous," said Bijapurkar, when asked to elaborate on this.

Meanwhile, Bhat argued that jewellery giant Tanishq did enter the market in Dubai and added, "In sectors like jewellery, sarees and large textiles, India has the intrinsic capacity to deliver global brands in the future. If you're in any particular sector, be it IT services or pharma, you have to choose your battles carefully and the choice of countries differs from sector to sector."

FALLING GRAPH

Dip in staff productivity of Railways: CAG report

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

INDIAN Railways not only suffered in terms of earnings through passenger services during the pandemic, but also hugely in terms of 'Staff Productivity (SP)' during the financial year of 2019-20, even after having a strength of over 13 lakh employees. SP is measured in terms of volume of traffic handled per thousand employees.

As the Comptroller and Auditor General of India pointed out in its latest report 2020, railways witnessed a sharp decline in SP — from 714 million NTKM (Net Tonne Kilometre) in 2018-19 to 664 million in 2019-20. This means railways employees could not handle the sufficient volume of traffic during 2019-20, especially in services-included freight and passengers.

"It was not a good sign for us, but we have started increasing the volume of staff productivity, as a higher ratio indicates efficient transport of fright and passengers," said a senior railway official, preferring anonymity. He added that railways has over 13 lakh employees spread over 10 major departments in 17 zones, six productions units and 68 divisions. The services are monitored and imropved through a system and this decline in staff productivity is being checked.

Of the 17 zones, East Coast Railway was the lone one that registered an impressive SP 1,847.33 million NTKM. Southern Railways registered the lowest of 248.9 million.

Pointing out the reason, the CAG has stated that deterioration in SP in 2019-20 as compared to the previous year was due to decline in freight carried and movement of passengers.

However, even amid this noticable decline in railways SP, the Central government in the financial year 2019-20 provided ₹2081.68 crore as productivity-linked bonus to its 11.5 lakh non-gazetted employees across India.

Makeshift hospitals, hotel tie-ups in government advisory for states

Looking at rate of spread, Centre fears more number of people may soon need medical care

Devotees turn out in large numbers to offer prayers at Golden Temple in Amritsar on Saturday | PTI

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

AS the rise in Covid-19 cases continues unabated, the Centre on Saturday issued a fresh set of instructions to states and asked them to start creating makeshift hospitals, tie up with hotels to convert them into temporary hospitals and keep an eye on paediatric cases.

The directions are issued because the government is fearing an exponential rise in Covid-19 cases, which may lead to a large number of people getting moderately or severely ill in a very short period of time.

In letters to the state chief secretaries, the Union health secretary said with the sudden rise in cases, parts of the country may start seeing a stressed health infrastructure.

"To address a potential surge, with a view to ensure preparedness, states are advised to initiate creation of field or makeshift hospitals to augment availability of health infrastructure," it said. It added that states may take help of DRDO, CSIR, corporations, private sector or NGOs. The health secretary also said states may consider leveraging hotel rooms and other accommodations linked with Covid-dedicated hospitals in the government and private sectors for cases of mild or moderate infection.

COVID TRACKER

22,775 New cases in India; **1,04,781** Active cases in India; **13,420** Rise in active cases; **161** New Omicron cases; **1,431** Total Omicron cases; **374** Omicron patients recovered/migrated

The Centre said as a large number of patients will need to isolate at home, states should ensure that home isolation guidelines are properly implemented, using measures such as creation of special teams, call centres and control rooms which may guide patients on hospitalisation if need be. "A clearly defined mechanism to assess testing, ambulances and hospital beds needs to be put in place and communicated to the public at large," said the letter.

Varun urges fellow MPs to ensure virus preparedness

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

BJP MP Varun Gandhi on Saturday held a virtual conference with health workers of his constituency Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh, asking fellow MPs to get on the job to deal with the outbreak of the Omicron variant of the Covid-19 virus.

Stated that the Omicron threat looms large, Gandhi said he was expecting health officials to be prepared to deal with a possible bigger outbreak. His advice to fellow parliamentarian was to start checking preparedness in their respective Lok Sabha constituencies.

This comes at a time when BJP MPs in poll-bound Uttar Pradesh are seemingly working hard to make the 'Janvishwas Yatra' successful. Gandhi had previously taken potshots at the UP government for imposing night curfew, saying that it hardly made sense when there was no clamp on large gathering for political rallies.

After the virtual brainstorming with the health professionals, Gandhi shared an advisory that other MPs too could start working on. This includes 7,000 tests a day, maintaining separate registers for Omicron, hospitalisation and death records. Also, the MP stated that besides making advance arrangements for beds and oxygen along with ventilators in hospitals, it also must be ensured that the same facilities are available at primary healthcare centres and community healthcare centres. This, she said, would ensure that the hospitals aren't overwhelmed with the rising number of cases.

Gandhi urged that doctors and paramedic staff be available 24X7 at all community and primary healthcare centres. He spoke of the importance of telemedicine facilities.

CRIME AGAINST WOMEN HIGHER IN 2021

COMPLAINTS OF CRIMES AGAINST WOMEN SAW A SHARP RISE IN 2021. ACCORDING TO DATA FROM THE NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR WOMEN (NCW), OVER HALF OF THEM ARE FROM UTTAR PRADESH

30,864
Complaints of crimes against women in 2021 — highest since 2014 (33,906)

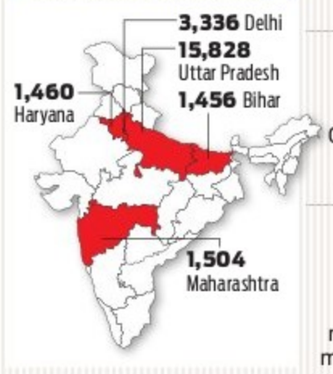
30%
Rise in complaints compared to 2020

NATURE OF CRIME

11,013
Related to the right to live with dignity including emotional abuse

6,633 Domestic violence	4,589 Dowry harassment
858 Complaints of cyber crime	1,675 Rape and attempt to rape
1,819 Outraging modesty or molestation	1,537 Police apathy against women

MOST COMPLAINTS FROM



10 Maha ministers, 20 MLAs positive

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

IN Maharashtra, Covid-19 is on a rampage. Ten ministers of the Maha Vikas Aghadi government and 20 MLAs have tested positive. Positive cases are touching new highs every day.

Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar said 10 ministers and 20 MLAs are infected with Covid-19. He said if positive cases continue to head north, they have to impose more stringent restrictions.

During the recently concluded winter session of Maharashtra Assembly, many ministers and MLAs got infected. On the first day of the session, more than 30 persons including MLAs and ministers were found to be infected. A second set of tests found more than 40 positive cases. Double vaccination certificates or negative RT-PCR reports were mandatory to attend the session. Despite all that, the session turned out to be a super spreader.

Mumbai has turned into the epicentre of Covid-19. On Saturday, it reported 6,347 cases. On Friday, it had 5,631 cases. The city now has 22,334 active cases. As per health experts, community spread has started and that's why Mumbai is witnessing more positive cases.

Maharashtra health secretary Dr Pradeep Vyas said as per genome sequencing, 70% of cases are of the Delta variant and that can be fatal. "If positive cases continue to grow and 80 lakh cases are reported with 1% morality, that would possibly mean 80,000 deaths. Ministers and MLAs getting it is a major concern. It shows the virus is penetrating," said another senior government official.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Cross-border pleasantries at LAC and LoC

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

ON the first day of the new year on Saturday, troops of Indian Army exchanged good wishes and sweets with soldiers of People's Liberation Army and Pakistan Army.

"Indian Army, as a warm gesture, presented sweets to Pakistan Army at Chilliana-Tithwal Crossing Point, to extend best wishes on the new year, displaying the will to maintain peace along the Line of Control (LoC)," the defence PRO said.

"Over the years, India has continuously endeavored to sweeten and strengthen bilateral relations with Pakistan through goodwill gestures like this one to ensure peace and tranquility in the region."

Indian Army personnel exchange sweets with Chinese soldiers at Demchok Hotspring

Other points at LoC where exchanges took place included Chakoti-Uri Crossing Point, Poonch-Rawalkot Crossing Point, and Mendhar-Hot Springs Crossing Point. India and Pakistan reiterated that the ceasefire agreement reached in last February has seen a prolonged period of peace along the LoC.

The Indian Army and PLA exchanged greetings and sweets along the LAC at 10 different points in the Eastern and Western sectors along the entire Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Points in Western sector included Karakoram Pass, Daulet Beg Oldi (DBO), Bottleneck, Konkala, Chushul Moldo and Demchok Hotspring. In the Eastern sector, the two sides exchanged pleasantries at Nathula and Kongrala in Sikkim and at Bum La and Wacha Damai in Arunachal Pradesh.

China has changed names of 15 places in Arunachal Pradesh in the native language and staked claim of the state. Also, Indian Army and PLA have been involved in a protracted standOoff in Eastern Ladakh since May 2020.

₹21K cr released for farmers

New Delhi: While reaching out to farmers ahead of Assembly polls, PM Narendra Modi on Saturday released over ₹20,900 crore to more than 10.09 crore farmers across India, as the 10th installment of aid under the PM-KISAN scheme. Observing that many economic indicators are better than pre-Covid times, the PM said Covid has posed challenges, but it cannot stop India's pace. He emphasised that the country needs to accelerate its pace in 2022. "Growth rate of our economy is more than 8%. Record foreign investment has come to India and our forex reserves have reached record levels. Old records have been surpassed in GST collection," said the prime minister.

Zilla Pramukh setback widens rift in Raj BJP

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

DESPITE Amit Shah's efforts during his Jaipur trip last month, infighting in Rajasthan BJP continues. Latest is the loss in Zila Pramukh elections in Baran district. Though Congress and BJP got nearly the same number of votes, the latter succeeded in making the wife of a minister the Zila Pramukh due to cross voting by a BJP member.

The state BJP unit formed a committee to investigate, but BJP MLA and former minister Pratap Singh Singhvi, a known Vasundhra Raje loyalist, resigned from the committee. He said efforts are made to target Raje and her son Dushyant Singh. The BJP had majority in two places in the election of district chief in four districts where elections were held. But it got a district chief in only one place. Congress also had majority in two districts, but managed three.

The BJP state unit has taken cross-voting seriously. Oher than forming an inquiry panel, two officials were sent to Baran. Every effort is made to find the name of the member who voted for Congress. BJP state president Satish Poonia, who leads the anti-Vasundhara faction, said, "People who cheat the party are first seen by the public, then by god and after that, the party sees them. Steps will be taken against them."

NEW YEAR FRAUD

The Mumbai police have arrested two persons for allegedly duping people by with fake bookings of hotels, private bungalows and villas for New Year celebrations at tourist spots, it was said on Saturday

3 OF FAMILY DIE AFTER THEIR BIKE HITS TRUCK IN CHHATTISGARH

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	28	15	Mumbai	32	22
Bhopal	24	9	Panaji	31	23
Jaipur	21	10	Patna	22	9
Amritsar	19	6	Lucknow	20	11
Chennai	30	24	Port Blair	30	25
Kolkata	25	16	Imphal	23	7
Srinagar	9	-2	Chandigarh	23	7

DEPENDENT ON INDEPENDENTS

In Uttarakhand, Independent candidates have bagged more than 10% votes in every poll

VINEET UPADHYAY @ Dehradun

Political PULSE

IN Uttarakhand, where Congress and BJP have being taking turns at the helm since the formation of the state in 2000, the title of kingmakers goes to the Independent candidates. They have secured more than 10 per cent of votes in every Assembly election so far. Of the four elections in the hill state since it was carved out of Uttar Pradesh, Independents played a role in government formation in 2007 and 2012.

Pointing out that even before the formation of Uttarakhand, at least one Independent MLA had been elected from the region in 10 of the 13 Assembly elections from 1951 to 1996, Dehradun-based political analyst Yogesh Kumar said, "Independent MLAs matter even more after the formation of the state. It was starkly evident in 2012 when there was a difference of only one seat between Congress and BJP."

In 2012, when Congress won 32 seats and BJP 31, all four Independent candidates elected to the 70-member Assembly decided to support the former in forming the government and went on to become ministers. Dinesh Dhanai from Tehri constituency, Mantri Prasad Naithani from Devprayag and Harish Chandra Durgapal from Lalkuan got cabinet berths that year. Two years later, when Harish Rawat became CM, the fourth Independent MLA Pritam Pawar was inducted into the cabinet.

In 2007, when BJP secured 35 seats and fell one short of majority, Independent MLA from Nandprayag, Rajendra Singh Bhandari came to the saffron party's rescue. He was rewarded with a cabinet berth in the Bhuwan Chandra Khanduri government. Independent candidates secured 16.3 per cent of votes in 2002, followed by 10.81 per cent in 2007, 12.34 per cent in 2012 and 10.38 per cent in 2017. However, the success rate of Independent candidates has not been that eye-catching. In 2002, of the 346 candidates contesting independently, three made it to the Assembly. In 2007, again, only three Independents of a total of 240, while in 2012, three of the 261 Independent candidates won the people's mandate. In 2017, when BJP won 57 seats, only two of the 261 Independent candidates made it to the Assembly.

Though the vote share of Independent candidates has always been above 10 per cent, none has won two consecutive terms. Many went on to join the winning side in order to secure their political career.

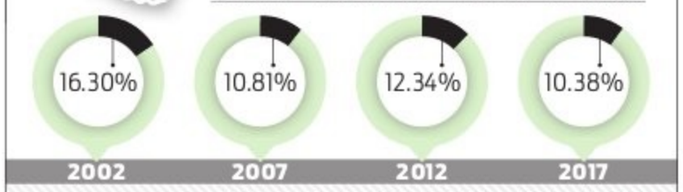
Kuwar Pranav Singh 'Champion', who won the Laksar seat independently in 2002, joined Congress later and is now an MLA from Khanpur. Ram Singh Kaida, who was elected as an Independent from Bhimtal in 2017, joined BJP in October this year. Pritam Pawar, who contested as an Independent and won from Dhanolti, also joined the saffron party, in September.

"It is not easy for Independent candidates to contest elections these days," said Pawar. "They do not have support — neither money nor organisational structure and cadre. They have to do everything on their own, while it takes tremendous effort to build image and win the people's confidence."

CRUCIAL CRUTCHES

Independents have always played a big role in Uttarakhand, cornering a big chunk of the vote share also

INDEPENDENT VOTE SHARE



KINGMAKERS TOTAL SEATS: 70

2007 ELECTION

The saffron party took help of an independent candidate to cobble up majority and form new government

2012 ELECTION

Congress struck a deal with four independent candidates to cross the magic figure and formed the new government

- When Uttarakhand was part of UP, highest number of independents winning elections was in 1967, 1980 and 1989 when four independents won in all the three polls
- After the formation of Uttarakhand, the highest number of independent candidates elected remains four. In 2012, four were elected and all got cabinet berths

'Parties splurge public money ahead of polls'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

ACCUSING her rival parties of splurging public money in conducting huge rallies, Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief **Mayawati** on Saturday took a dig at the "anti-people" parties and urged voters to ensure their ouster in the upcoming Assembly elections.

Extending New Year wishes to the people of the three poll-bound states where the BSP has stakes, Mayawati said that with the polls approaching in UP, Uttarakhand and Punjab, parties were conducting more and more rallies at the expense of the people. She accused the bigger political players who have been in power at the Centre like the BJP and Congress, of only "showing-off" by conducting extravagant rallies.

VIRUS IN POLL-BOUND STATES

	■ FRESH CASES	▲ DEATHS	● POSITIVITY RATE
UTTAR PRADESH	383	0	0.19%
PUNJAB	332	0	2.02%
GOA	310	1	2.50%
UTTARAKHAND	118	0	NA
MANIPUR	10	0	NA

THERE WILL BE POSITIVE NEWS ON AFSPA: HIMANTA

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

ASSAM CM Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday said there would be some positive developments on the demand for withdrawal of the Armed Forces (Special Forces) Act (AFSPA) from Nagaland in the next 45 days.

"The Centre has already constituted a committee. We are going to see certain positive developments in the next 45 days," Sarma told journalists in Guwahati.

"The approach of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah is very positive. The formation of the committee with a clear deadline of 45 days regarding partial or full withdrawal of AFSPA from Nagaland is a very important step," the Assam CM, who is privy to the developments, said.

He was optimistic the initiative would help build confidence and that would, in turn, help address other issues.

His statements come amid the fraying of tempers by various tribal organisations in Nagaland after the Centre extended the imposition of AFSPA in the state by another six months.

The organisations view the Centre's decision as "another attempt to rub salt to the wounds caused by the botched up Army operation at Oting in Mon district on December 4".

Talking about AFSPA in Assam, Sarma disclosed the state would finally see "some rationalisation" during the year. "The Army has been virtually withdrawn from Assam except in five to six districts. The Assam government will take some pragmatic decisions in consultations with the state's Home department when AFSPA comes for review (ahead of extension of Disturbed Area status)," Sarma said.

Comment amid rising tempers

Sarma's statements come amid the fraying of tempers by various tribal organisations in Nagaland after the Centre extended the imposition of AFSPA in the state was extended by six months

On the insurgency situation in the state, he said tribal insurgency had come to an end and credited various civil societies. "The restoration of peace in Assam is the result of the hard work of civil societies. The tribals are determined to not allow anyone to indulge in militancy. When the civil societies are so firmly with you, I don't see the eruption of tribal insurgency unless we do some gross injustice to the tribals," Sarma said.

He said the stumbling block in bringing the Paresh Baruah faction of ULFA to the talks table was the rebel group's Assam sovereignty demand.

"But given my personal interactions with people who are directly or indirectly in touch with Baruah, it is clear that he also wants a negotiated settlement. We are working towards creating a new position where both parties feel it is not very difficult to talk," Sarma said.

On the interstate boundary disputes in the region, he said the spirit of Northeast gets finished when the states fight among themselves. The chief minister said he confident the disputes could be partially resolved within this year.

Akhilesh Yadav addresses party workers in Lucknow on Saturday | TWITTER

SP promises 300-unit free power to UP households

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

SAMAJWADI Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Saturday announced 300 units of free electricity to all households in Uttar Pradesh if his party is voted to power in the upcoming Assembly poll.

The SP chief also assured the farming community to provide them free power for irrigation. Akhilesh made the announcements while addressing party workers who visited him to extend New Year wishes at the party office in Lucknow. "Two promises that are going to be a part of our manifesto are these: first, 300 units of electricity will be free for common people of the state, while farmers will get free electricity for irrigation," he said.

The party is yet to release its full manifesto. The Arvind Kejriwal-led AAP had made a similar promise last year.

'Poll fighters can't be part of MSP panel'

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE confusion among farmer unions over fighting the upcoming Punjab Assembly election is becoming intense by the day. Adding further uncertainty to the issue, Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU) leader **Rakesh Tikait** has demanded that the union leaders who fight the polls shall not be part of the committee on Minimum Support Price (MSP) to be formed by the central government.

How can I stop them (union leaders)? But my family members and I will not contest any elections. I will be away from any political activity

Rakesh Tikait, BKU leader

Fault lines among farmer outfits over contesting the polls are already visible as only 18 among the 32 unions in Punjab are showing intention to fight the polls as of now while many have backed out.

Talking to this newspaper, Tikait said the farmer leaders fighting the Assembly elections should not be part of the MSP committee. "If they are fighting the polls then how can they attend committee meetings? The committee is yet to be formed and who will be the members has not been decided. The SKM will decide which farmer leaders will be nominated to the committee from the morcha."

Stating that he is not against any farmer leader fighting the elections, Tikait said "they can fight the polls and it is their right". "How can I stop them? But my family members and I will not contest any elections. I will be away from any political activity," said the lead voice behind the agitation against the farm laws.

He said the five-member committee formed by the SKM earlier, in which two prominent farmer leaders — Balbir Singh Rajewal and Gurnam Singh Charuni — were members, was to talk to the government to resolve the farmers' stir. "The agitation is suspended and the farmers are on a holiday. The stir is not finished yet. The next meeting of the SKM will take place on January 15 in which we will review the status," said Tikait.

Twenty-two farmer unions in Punjab had formed Samyukt Samaj Morcha (SSM) to fight the Assembly election. Prominent Rajewal is heading the new outfit. At the same time, Haryana farmer leader Charuni has floated his own Sanyukt Sangharsh Party to fight the Punjab polls. Out of the 22 unions, four have taken a U-turn and decided not to contest the polls, leaving the SSM with 18 unions. The biggest farm union in Punjab, the BKU (Ugrahan) has declared that it will not fight the elections.

Channi threatens to stage *dharna* against governor

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chandigarh

PUNJAB Chief Minister Charanjit Singh Channi on Saturday threatened to stage a *dharna* against Governor Banwarilal Purohit, alleging that the latter is not clearing a file related to regularisation of around 36,000 contract employees due to political reasons.

Channi, while presenting his 100-day report card here, said: "My cabinet colleagues and I have met the governor with a request to clear the file, but he is not doing so under pressure from the BJP. This is sheer politics. If needed we won't hesitate to stage a dharna along with my ministers," he added.

Taking a dig at Channi, Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) senior leader Harpal Singh Cheema said Channi himself exposed the reality of his cabinet's announcement. "Today, Channi had to publicly tell the truth that 36,000 employees weren't regularised," he said.

EXPRESS READ

Son owns more assets than Nitish

Patna: Bihar CM Nitish Kumar's son Nishant is wealthier than his father. While Nitish has ₹29,385 in cash and possessed movable and immovable assets worth ₹16.51 lakh and ₹58.85 lakh respectively, Nishant has movable property worth ₹1.63 crore and immovable property worth ₹1.98 crore. The fact came to light in the declaration of assets by Nitish Kumar and his cabinet colleagues for the 2020-21 fiscal uploaded on the official website on Friday. ENS

Property tax waiver to small Mumbai homes

Mumbai: Property tax on residential units of up to 500 sq ft, located within the Mumbai municipal limits, will be waived off, Maharashtra government said on Saturday. Chief Minister Uddhav Thackeray announced the decision. The waiver comes ahead of Mumbai municipal corporation elections due next month. The CM has asked the administration to implement the decision with immediate effect, a government release said. PTI

Four dead, 20 feared trapped in landslide at Haryana mine

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Chandigarh

AT least four people were killed and around 20 others trapped after a landslide at a mining zone in Bhiwani district of Haryana on Saturday.

Sources said the landslide took place at Dadam mining zone in Tosham block of Bhiwani district and men and machinery were buried under the debris. Till evening three people were rescued while four bodies were pulled out of the rubble. The wounded have been shifted to a hospital while rescue work is going on in the presence of police.

Human casualties aside, several vehicles were also destroyed in the landslide | PTI

A police official said 15-20 people are still trapped under the debris. However, locals claimed the number could be more. Haryana Agriculture Minister JP Dalal reached the spot and took stock of the situation. He said the administration's priority was to rescue the trapped people and that a team of doctors was at the site.

Two months ago, mining work was stopped at the site due to rising pollution levels in the vicinity of Khanak and Dadam hills in Bhiwani. The National Green Tribunal (NGT) on Thursday allowed mining operations to resume in the area and work began the very next day.

As the mines were closed for two months, there was a shortage of building materials. The locals allege that in order to overcome this shortage, explosives were set off, which triggered the landslide.

Tiger State loses 85 big cats in last four years

Tiger State Madhya Pradesh lost 85 tigers, including 32 cubs, in the last four years, 2018-19 to 2021-22, the state's forest minister Kunwar Vijay Shah informed the state Vidhan Sabha recently while replying to Congress MLA and former minister Lakhan Ghanghoriya's query. The state had regained the tag of being country's Tiger State in the 2018 tiger census as per which it had 526 big cats, two more than Karnataka. The central Indian state has six tiger reserves including Kanha, Pench, Bandhavgarh and Sanjay Dubri. Kanha is also one of the largest national park in the state.

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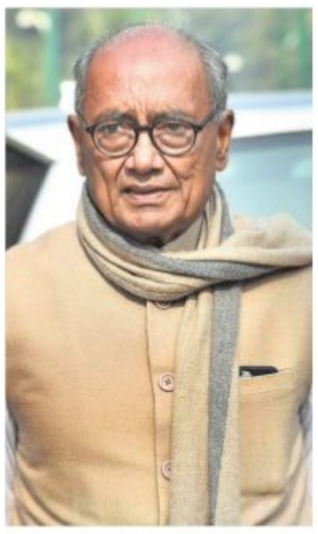
BHOPAL DIARY

Cong MLA touches Scindia's feet at public event

First-time Congress MLA Satish Sikarwar touching the feet of Union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and former state minister Maya Singh at a public programme in Gwalior recently has triggered speculations about the possibility of Sikarwar returning to the BJP fold. Not only did Sikarwar touch Scindia's and Singh's feet, but he also praised them publicly. Sikarwar comes from a BJP family and both his brother and father have been BJP lawmakers in the past. Fighting on BJP ticket, he lost the 2018 Assembly polls from Gwalior (East) against Munnalal Goyal of Congress. In the November 2020 bypoll, however, Sikarwar, this time fighting on Congress symbol, avenged his 2018 defeat by trouncing Goyal, who fought on BJP ticket, from the same seat.

Brother not on same page with Digvijaya

Former CM and Congress Rajya Sabha member Digvijaya Singh's recent remark on consumption of beef doesn't seem to have gone down well with his younger sibling and Congress MLA Lakshman Singh. "Cow is our mother and even thinking about killing or consuming it is a sin. It would be better if we focus on unemployment and inflation," the Congress MLA tweeted recently without naming his elder brother. The former CM had kicked up a row recently, claiming that even BJP-RSS's most revered Vinayak Damodar Savarkar didn't see any problem with beef consumption.



Tribal girl firm on Nyay Yatra to Bhopal

Notwithstanding the state government's recent announcement of a CBI probe into the killing of five members of a tribal family in Nemawar (Dewas) in May 2021, the lone survivor in the family, Bharti Kasade, said she going ahead with her Nyay Yatra. The five victims — a tribal woman, her two daughters and two teenage relatives — were murdered by a local Hindu outfit leader. While the prime accused and five others were arrested, Bharti, the lone surviving daughter of the family, had announced to start a Nyay Yatra, to press for a CBI probe. Bharti said she would carry out her campaign, seeking punishment to the accused.

ONE

of Ukraine's soldiers killed on Saturday in gunfight with pro-Moscow separatists

GLOBAL WEATHER

LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	3	-9	HR	Los Angeles	17	14	SNY
Colombo	31	23	TDS	Melbourne	21	14	LR
Dhaka	27	16	TDS	Moscow	-7	-14	LR
Dubai	27	22	SNY	New York	12	-2	SNY
Houston	7	1	SNY	Singapore	27	24	LC
Istanbul	11	4	SNY	Toronto	-3	-10	LC
London	13	8	LC	Washington	19	0	LC

TALENT HUNT

S'pore to bring in migrants to ease labour shortages

City state will tap countries like India to attract skilled manpower in 2022, says premier Lee

SINGAPORE

SINGAPORE will bring in much-needed migrant workers and ensure international talents feel welcome and are able to complement Singaporeans, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said on Saturday.

Singapore taps labour, skilled manpower and professionals mostly from Bangladesh, China, India and the Philippines.

"We will also press on to bring in much-needed migrant workers and ensure international talents feel welcome and are able to complement Singaporeans," the Channel News Asia reported, citing the Prime Minister's New Year message, laying out the recovery path for the Covid-19-battered economy.

Lee added that 2022 will be a "time of transition" as the economy steadily recovers and the city state reconnects with the rest of the world.

Expecting the gross domestic product (GDP) to grow by 3 to 5 per cent next year, Lee said Singapore's economy "should grow in step with global economic recovery", barring fresh disruptions.

The government is "planning ahead to achieve longer-term goals", he added.

For instance, it will press on with industry transformation efforts to enhance existing strengths, and help companies restructure and workers upgrade their skills.

"As we brace ourselves for the impact of Omicron, we can be quietly confident that we will cope with whatever lies ahead," he said.

Lee said that the government's immediate tasks go beyond managing Covid-19, noting that Singapore must generate new growth, new jobs and prosperity in a post-pandemic economy. Much will depend on a stable global and regional environment, and central to this are the relations between the US and China. "The differences between the two powers remain many and deep, but their recent high-level engagements and practical cooperation on climate change are encouraging," the channel quoted Lee as saying.

"We will continue to pursue trade liberalisation and regional integration for the benefit of our people, including through the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership, which comes into force on the first day of 2022," said Lee.

The 10 member country economic partnership is the world's largest trade bloc led by China with Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, Japan, Laos, New Zealand, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. *PTI*

UK planning to relax visa rules for Indians to bag trade deal

LONDON

THE UK is planning to relax immigration rules by offering cheaper and easier visas for Indian tourists, students and professionals, in an attempt to clinch a trade deal with India, a media report said on Saturday.

UK International Trade Secretary Anne-Marie Trevelyan is expected to travel to New Delhi this month, when formal negotiations on a proposed India-UK free trade agreement (FTA) are expected to begin.

Trevelyan is expected to use this visit to open the prospect of relaxing immigration rules for Indian citizens.

Under further immigration plans reportedly in the works, one option being looked at is a scheme similar to that agreed as part of the UK's FTA with Australia, which would allow young Indians the chance to come and work in the UK for up to three years. Another option would be to cut visa fees for students, thereby allowing them to stay in the UK for a period after they graduate, possibly building upon the Graduate Route visa under the points-based immigration rules currently in place, the report said. *PTI*

North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un attends a meeting of the Central Committee of the ruling Workers' Party recently in Pyongyang | AP

FOOD SECURITY AT CORE OF N KOREA'S AGENDA FOR 2022

SEOUL

NORTH Korean leader Kim Jong-Un put the economy front and centre of an agenda-setting speech at the end of a key ruling party meeting, state media reported on Saturday, with no mention of the United States.

Instead of the policy positions on diplomacy for which Kim's New Year statements have been closely watched in recent years, he focused on food security and development at a plenary of the central committee of the Workers' Party of Korea.

The impoverished, nuclear-armed nation has been under a rigid self-imposed coronavirus blockade that has hammered its economy.

In a speech at the end of the party meeting on Friday, Kim acknowledged the "harsh situation" in 2021 as he laid out plans for the coming year, the official Korean Central News Agency (KCNA) reported.

He described the challenges of 2022 as "a great life-and-death struggle" and set "an important task for making radical progress in solving the food, clothing and housing problem for the people", KCNA said.

The Covid-19 pandemic and resulting border closure saw the country record its biggest economic contraction in over two decades in 2020, according to the South Korean central bank.

Concerns have grown about a full-blown food crisis in North Korea, and a United Nations human rights expert warned in October that the most vulnerable were "at risk of starvation". Kim, who took power just over a decade ago after the death of his father Kim Jong Il, said battling the pandemic was one of the main goals for the coming year.

"Emergency epidemic prevention work should be made a top priority in the state work," Kim said according to KCNA.

Analysts pointed to the impact of Covid as the reason for the sharpened focus on the economy. *AFP*

India, Pakistan exchange list of their nuclear installations

ISLAMABAD

INDIA and Pakistan on Saturday exchanged a list of their nuclear installations that cannot be attacked in case of an escalation in hostilities, as part of an annual ritual that has been in practice between the two neighbours for more than three decades, a Foreign Office statement said here.

The two countries also exchanged lists of prisoners held in each other's prisons, which include civilians, defence personnel and fishermen, it said.

The lists of nuclear installation and facilities were exchanged as per the provisions of the Article-II of the Agreement on Prohibition of Attacks against Nuclear Installations and Facilities, signed on December 31, 1988 and ratified on 27 January 1991.

According to this agreement, both countries have to inform each other of the nuclear facilities. *PTI*

Indian-origin professor conferred KBE

LONDON

BRITISH Indian academician and House of Lords peer Ajay Kumar Kakkar has been conferred the Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire (KBE), the second highest honour in the UK's annual New Year Honours List released on Friday.

The 57-year-old Professor of Surgery at University College London has been recognised for services to healthcare and public service in a list honouring around 50 Indian-origin professionals, entrepreneurs and philanthropists across diverse sectors.

"Lord Kakkar has distinguished himself in public and voluntary service through his membership and chairmanship of a range of public and charitable bodies, as well as through his services to the medical field," the citation for Kakkar's KBE read.

Across the list of 1,278 individuals, 78 Olympians and Paralympians are honoured for their services to sport including OBEs for swimming medallists Adam Peaty and Tom Daley. The pandemic-related work resulted in knighthoods for England's Chief Medical Officer Professor Chris Whitty, Chief Government Scientific Adviser Sir Patrick Vallance, and Deputy Medical Officers for England Dr Jenny Harries and Professor Jonathan Van-Tam. *PTI*

Food prices at record high in Lanka

Sri Lanka's food prices rose by a record in December, official figures showed on Saturday, as the country struggles to finance urgent imports to tackle an acute shortage of essentials

People line up outside a Colombo supermarket

FEARS OF FAMINE

A top agricultural official warned last month of an impending famine and asked the government to implement an orderly food rationing scheme to avoid such a scenario. He was fired within hours of making the appeal

Food shortages have been worsened by the government's ban on agrochemical imports, which was lifted in November after widespread crop failures and intense farmer protests

22.1%

Rise in food prices in December compared to 17.5 per cent recorded in November, the previous record, the country's census and statistics department said

12.01%

Was the overall inflation in December, the highest since the CCPI index was launched. The latest inflation figures were released a day after the government increased the price of milk powder by 12.5 per cent following a similar rise in fuel prices last month

$1.58 billion

Sri Lanka's foreign reserves at the end of November, down from $7.5 billion when Gotabaya Rajapaksa took office in 2019. This week the government drew down a $1.5 billion Chinese loan and claimed reserves had nearly doubled to $3.1 billion by the end of 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform all and whomsoever it may concern that my client **M.SAMPATH KUMAR,** aged about 32 years, S/o. Sri. Mallaiah,has executed GPA in favour of his brother **Sri M. VASANTH KUMAR,** aged about 34 years, s/o.Sri.Mallaiah, **both** r/at No.164, 6th Main, Panduranganagar, BG Road, Bangalore-560 076, in respect of the Immoveable properties **Item No.1, an extent of Ac.4.84 Cents in Sy No.21/1** and **Item No.2, an extent of Ac.0.32 Cents in Sy No.21/2 of Muthall Village of Hosur Taluk** and the same is sold to **M/s.Royale Township Rep by its partner Sri. P.Vishwas,** s/o.G.Prasad Reddy, aged about 37 years, r/at No.392, 2nd Cross, 13th Main, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore, through regenerated sale deed dt: 27/12/21. Hence I cancelled the aforesaid GPA by deed of Cancellation dated:27/12/21.

Which hereby stands cancelled, revoked, the nomination and appointment constituted through GPA is treated as cancelled on 27/12/2021, for which his brother used to act as his attorney & has subscribed his signature in token of identification of my client which is cancelled, he can't do any lawful act , signature on behalf of my client. Through this public notice my client hereby calls upon public that: any activities taken place in respect of the aforesaid properties through cancelled GPA shall be considered as unlawful.

Advocate : **VKS Associates, Vijay Kumar S** No.16/2, 1st Floor, Cubbonpet, Bangalore. M:9483881166.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that our client intends to purchase the property described in the Schedule herein from its owners **Mr. Ashok Chandra Gupta and Mrs. Geetha Gupta**. Any person or persons having any claims or objections to the above transaction are required to forward same to the undersigned along with the relevant materials, within **fifteen** days from today. In the absence of any claims or objections within the above said period it shall be deemed that there are no claims or objections or that they have been waived and the deed of conveyance will be entered into by our client without any further reference in this regard.

Schedule Property

All that piece and parcel of the Apartment bearing No.C (SF-273/2), measuring 2650 sq. ft. of Super Built-up area, PID No. 72-2-273/2, in Second Floor of the residential apartment building known as "Mona Lisa", along with 20% undivided interest in land equivalent to 1120 sq. ft., constructed on property bearing Municipal No. 273, 6th Main Road, Defence Colony, HAL II Stage (earlier Binnamangala Layout), Division No. 60, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 70 ft. & North to South 80 ft., totally measuring 5600 sq. ft., and bound on the: ***Boundaries of land:*** **East by** :100 Ft. Road; **West by** : Property bearing No. 272; **North by** : Property bearing No. 274; and **South by** : 60 Ft. Road.

G. SRIDHAR, Advocate
GS Law, Advocates, 206, 2nd Floor, "Embassy Square", # 148, Infantry Road, Bangalore - 560001, Karnataka, India.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client/s are intending to purchase the schedule property from its owner Smt.K N Padma, Wife of Sri.K R Nanjundaiah, Aged about 69 years, residing at No:40, First Main, Behind JK Traders Nagendra Block Bank Colony, Banashankari, Bangalore-560050, AADHAAR No:9733 4147 1368;

It is represented to my client/s, by the owner Smt.K N Padma, that she has either lost or misplaced the following original Possession Certificate 28-05-1985 vide PR No:197/1985-86, issued by Engineer Officer, Bangalore Development Authority, Bangalore and issued in favour of Smt.K N Padma and in this regard a police complaint dated 01-01-2022 has lodged with online Police Complaint with Bengaluru City Police Unit and she has obtained acknowledgement dt:01-01-2022 vide Lost Report No: 0126277/2022, with regard to missing of the above original document/s;

Any person, having any claim over the schedule property on the basis of above referred missing / lost original documents may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within fifteen (15) days hereof, failing which my client/s will proceed to conclude the sale transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client/s;

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No:38 (BDA No:40), situated at First Main Road, Nagendra Block, Bangalore, Corporation Ward No:156 (Old Ward No:53), PID No:53-186-38, within the limits and administration of Srinagar Ward, Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, together with structures standing thereon and bounded on the:

East By : Road;
West By : Property bearing BDA No:47;
North By : Property bearing BDA No:39;
South By : Property bearing BDA No:41;
MEASURING: East to West: 46 ft;
North to South : 30 ft;
In all ad-measuring 153.33 Sq Mtrs;

N S SATYANARAYANA GUPTA
K S Nayak, N S Rachana
N C Janardhan,
Rachana Law Associates,
"Lakshmideep", I Floor, No:2980, 17th Cross, Banashankari II Stage, BANGALORE – 560 070;
PH : 26761209 / 26765286
Dt:01-01-2022

Government of Karnataka.
(Public Works, Department)
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER PWD DIVISION BIDAR

NO:EE/PWD//Dvn/Bdr/ 5054/SCP/TSP/JE-4/2021-22/ 3931 Date: 30.12.2021

INVITATION FOR TENDERS

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, The Executive Engineer, PWD Divn. Bidar invites Tenders under SCP/TSP from the eligible Tenderers, for the WORK INDENT: KPWD/2021-22/RD//WORK_INDENT144225 and 144246 Amount put to tender for the works are Minimum Rs. 256.89 Lakhs & Maximum Rs. 260.59 Lakhs.

Tender documents may be downloaded from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal of the Govt. of Karnataka Viz. http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in Tenders should be submitted on or before 14.01.2022 up to 16.00 hours. Further any other information can be seen from the above portal or can be had from the undersigned.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, PWD Divn. Bidar

DIPR/Bidar/240/MC&A/2021-22

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

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I, the undersigned **SOWMYA MURALEEDHARAN NAIR,** (New Name) previously called **SOWMYA MURALEEDHARAN** (Old Name), aged about 32 years, W/o. Mr. Vivek P Nair, resident of Flat No: D-1102, Sattva East Crest, Old Madras Road, Budigere Cross, Konadasapura, Bangalore - 560049, do hereby solemnly declare and state that I have changed my name from **SOWMYA MURALEEDHARAN** to **SOWMYA MURALEEDHARAN NAIR,** by swearing to an affidavit in front of Notary public **Mr. K.B.Sadha Shivappa** on 31.12.2021 for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) GOPALKRISHNA.M.S, S/o. M N Sathyanarayana Rao, residing at No. 14/1, 2nd Cross, Munireddy Layout, Chikkalasandra, Bangalore-560061, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) GOPALKRISHNA.M.S** to **(NEW NAME) M.S.GOPALAKRISHNA** vide affidavit Dated 01/01/2022 sworn before Notary Ramesh.J.Solanki, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) HOIGEGUDDE MEERA, residing at No. 33/34, Near Kensri School, Mariyannapalya, Bengaluru -560024, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) MEERA RAO HOIGEGUDDE** vide affidavit Dated 30/12/2021 sworn before Notary L.Gopalakrishna, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, GOURI SRINIVAS KULKARNI, aged about 34 years, W/o Srinivas Narayan Kulkarni, R/at No. 1812, 'C' Block, 2nd Cross, 5th Main, Sahakar Nagar, Bengaluru-09 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **GOURI KALLAPUR** to **GOURI SRINIVAS KULKARNI,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **GOURI SRINIVAS KULKARNI** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 31-12-2021, sworn before Advocate and Notary **R. VENKATAPATHY** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) SNEHA NOELINE CHANDRODHAYA RAJA, D/o. Raja Samuel Bushanam, residing at No. 44, 1st Floor, Geetha Karunakaran, Illam, 2nd Cross, Chandravadana Layout, Ramamurthy Nagar, Bangalore-560016, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) SNEHA NOELINE CHANDRODHAYA RAJA** to **(NEW NAME) SNEHA NOELINE CHANDRODHAYA** vide affidavit Dated 01/01/2022 sworn before Notary Ramesh.J.Solanki, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) HOIGEGUDDE KESHAV, residing at No. 33/34, Near Kensri School, Mariyannapalya, Bengaluru -560024, have changed my name to **(NEW NAME) KESHAV RAO HOIGEGUDDE** vide affidavit Dated 27/12/2021 sworn before Notary S.I.Balaguru, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NITHIN .H.J, aged 19 years, S/o Shri Jayanna S, R/at No. 115, 4th Cross, Vijayalakshmi Layout, Bagalagunte, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560073, India have changed my name from **NITYANANDA .H.J** to my new name **NITHIN .H.J,** vide affidavit dated: 30/12/2021 duly sworn to before **Sri K.V. RAMASANJEEVAIAH,** Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) RAMYA KIRAN JOSHI, W/o. Kiran Shridhar Joshi, residing at No. 11, Shrigiri Niwasa, 1st Cross, Vinayaka Layout, Uttarahalli, Bangalore-560061, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) RAMYA KIRAN JOSHI** to **(NEW NAME) RAMYA GOPADI MANJUNATH** vide affidavit Dated 01/01/2022 sworn before Notary Ramesh.J.Solanki, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, RAMYA ATHIYANAM VENKATESAN, D/o. Sri. Venkatesan, W/o. Sri. H. Krishnan, aged about 33 years, resident of Flat No. 001, Ground Floor, DS MAX Serenity Nest Apartment, N.G.R. Layout, Roopena Agrahara, Bommanahalli, Bangalore - 560 068, hereby declare that I have changed my name from **RAMYA VENKATESAN** to **RAMYA ATHIYANAM VENKATESAN** vide affidavit dated 01.01.2022 sworn to before Uday Kumar K., Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) VIMALA, D/o George, residing at No 86 New Guddadahalli Mysore Road 4th Cross Bangalore 560026, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) VIMALA** to **(NEW NAME) SHILPA.G.A** vide affidavit Mamatha N.K. affidavit dated 10 dec 2021 Unique doc reference:- SUBIN-KAKACRSFL0800269347530947T Notary by Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **SEMRON** D/o **Syed Imtiyaz** R/at No.6, 2nd Cross, Thimmaiah Road, Bharathinagar, Bangalore-560001 have changed my name to **ARBEENA** vide affidavite Dated: 1/1/2022 Before Notary **Meer Hassan** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, JENISHA T, resident of No.205, SLV R K Signature No. 4/1,4/5, Hennur Main Road, VTC Kalyan Nagar, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560043 have changed my Sons Name from DARAN RITHWIN JEBA to DAVID RITHWIN vide Affidavit dated 31.12.2021, sworn to before Notary H Sridhar Rao, Bangalore.

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Superintending Engineer (Civil), Corporate Office, HESCOM, Hubballi has invited tenders for the Capital Civil Engineering works coming under the jurisdiction of O & M Zone, Belagavi. The indent no of works are HESCOM/2021-22/OW/WORK_INDENT5302 to 5346, HESCOM/2021-22/BD/WORK_INDENT5305 to 5343, HESCOM/2021-22/RD/WORK_INDENT5347.

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Quick commerce shakes up grocery delivery

Major disruption with entry of new players and focus on instant delivery by existing ones triggers intense turf war

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

WITH a majority of people preferring to shop groceries online, especially after the onset of the pandemic, both industry heavyweights and new entrants are exploring a new vertical — quick commerce or q-commerce.

Over a few months now, there has been quite a disruption in the grocery delivery space with a new entrant Zepto, which operates a 10-minute grocery delivery service; Grofers rebranded as Blinkit and promising a 10-minute delivery; and Swiggy investing $700 million in its express grocery delivery service Instamart. Swiggy is also planning to make deliveries in 15 minutes starting January 2022.

So, why are companies now focussing on quick commerce, where everyone promises to deliver within 10 or 20 minutes? Experts attribute this to change in consumers' purchasing behaviour and preference.

Quick commerce is estimated at $ 0.3 billion in CY2021 and is expected to grow 10-15x in the next 5 years, to become $5 billion by 2025, according to Redseer.

It says that about 20 million households are addressable by quick commerce in India with an estimated addressable market size of $ 50 billion in 2020. Q-commerce will become one of the major e-commerce models and it will cater to the growing needs of the consumers.

The report added, "Emerging as one of the fastest growing e-commerce models, q-commerce is serving the need for faster delivery among convenience seeking customers. With high fill-rates and 30-45 minutes delivery service for unplanned orders, mid-to high income households in Metros are increasingly replacing traditional kiranas with q-commerce platforms like Swiggy's Instamart and Dunzo."

Launched five months ago, Zepto is a 10-minute grocery delivery app. It recently raised $100 million in Series C. It has been growing quickly, and is tripling its user-base every month. Over the past two months, apart from Mumbai, Zepto expanded in Bengaluru, Delhi, Gurugram, Chennai, Hyderabad and Pune. It is planning to launch in Kolkata soon.

"Quick commerce offers a chance to revolutionise the way people buy essentials. We believe in gaining more market share in all major Indian cities. We are ramping up a team - right from supply chain to marketing and finance. Also, 10-minute delivery done consistently is not only an operational complex task but requires a deep understanding of technology as well," Zepto Co-Founder and CEO Aadit Palicha tells TNIE.

Also, consumers are now preferring fresh products with consistent quality in a very quick time.

Zepto wants to gain access to customers in more micro markets, and it is also working on ways to expand delivery to tier-2 and tier-3 cities as well.

The future of commerce

Zomato-backed Grofers recently rebranded as Blinkit, and started focussing on delivery in 10 minutes. "The Blinkit service will now be available in only the areas where we are **able to arrive at our customers' locations within 10 minutes (or** less). We are singularly committed to instant delivery - focusing only on areas where we are serving under 10 minutes, and deprioritising everything else. We hope to be insanely consistent with our 10 minutes promise," says Blinkit founder Albinder Dhindsa in a blog post.

Blinkit has temporarily stopped serving all other areas where it was not able to offer deliveries in 10 minutes.

"While we understand a 15-minute or 20-minute delivery service would be better than no service, our systems and infrastructure are built solely with 10 minutes (or less) in mind," he adds.

Swiggy Instamart has onboarded more than one seller-run dark store every day in the last few months. It is also planning to make deliveries in 15 minutes by January 2022, by having the network of dark stores very close to the majority of its customers.

Dark stores are warehouses or outlets through which e-commerce companies deliver their orders quickly. Mostly these stores will be established in cities in the q-commerce model, so as to deliver as quickly as possible.

Swiggy Instamart is serving customers across 18 cities, and doing over 1 million orders per week.

"At our current growth trajectory, Instamart is set to reach an annualised GMV run rate of $1 billion in the next three quarters," said Sriharsha Majety, CEO, Swiggy.

Tata's BigBasket is said to enter the q-commerce space soon. There are other major players such as Google-backed Dunzo which is delivering essentials in 19 minutes.

Challenges galore

Though companies are promising 10-20-minute delivery, the e-commerce players face many challenges. Talking about it, Zepto CEO says building technology to consistently get product delivered in 10 minutes and also manage a supply chain in a way that responds to such a high-touch and high-frequency use case are some of the interesting problems in quick-commerce today.

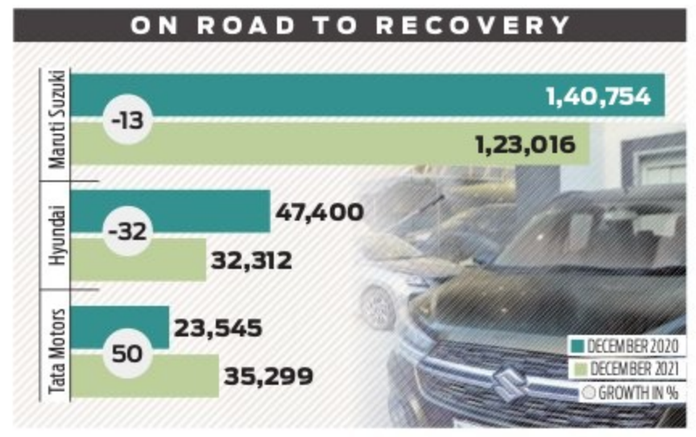
Transport marketplace startup Vahak's CEO and Co-founder Karan Shaha says, "The 10-minute deliveries or under-20-minute deliveries are easier to accomplish than assumed once we get the right network coverage in terms of stores under a brand. Most hyperlocal deliveries leverage the existing shops within the residential areas. The major areas of focus are technology integration at the POS, good internet connectivity to process orders, better payments and a reliable network of delivery personnel."

All these founders say that q-commerce will sustain and see more traction in coming years, and back-end technology and supply chain will play a crucial role in deliveries.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

GROSSING UP ON GROCERY

- Consumables market in India to grow at **6%** CAGR for the next five years. It will hit **$1 trillion by 2025** from **$725 billion** in CY20
- Q- commerce penetration within the online consumables market is **7%** and is expected to grow to **12-13% by 2025**
- India's addressable market size in q-commerce was **$50 billion in 2020**
- According to a report from Coresight Research, the quick-commerce retail space will generate between **$20 billion and $25 billion** in US retail sales in **2021**
- Google-backed Dunzo promises **19-minute delivery**
- Zepto has raised **$160 million** so far and it delivers over **2,500** products in **10 minutes**



Maruti sales skid; Tata overtakes Hyundai in Dec

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

INDIA'S two leading carmakers — Maruti Suzuki (MSIL) and Hyundai — ended CY2021 with significant slump in domestic sales.

MSIL, which controls nearly half of India passenger vehicle (PV) market, sold 123,016 PVs in the domestic market in December 2021 as against 140,754 units in the same month a year ago, a fall of 13%. During the April-December period, Maruti's sales grew from 863,874 units in FY21 to 934,825 units in FY22. However, compared to April-December of FY20, the sales are significantly lower as MSIL had sold 1,064,560 PVs during the pre-Covid period.

"The shortage of electronic components had a minor impact on the production of vehicles during the month. The shortage primarily affected the production of vehicles sold in domestic market. The company took all possible measures to minimise the impact," said MSIL on Saturday in a regulatory filing.

India's second largest carmaker Hyundai reported a decline of 32% in its December sales to 32,312 units as compared to 47,400 units in December 2020. What's more significant is that the Korean carmaker wasn't the second largest PV seller during the month as Tata Motors overtook it for the first time in close to a decade. Tata dispatched 35,299 units, its highest ever in a month, in December 2021 against Hyundai's 32,312 units.

Backed by an aggressive product portfolio, Tata also reported its highest ever quarterly sales in October to December of 2021 and the highest annual sales in 2021 since its inception. During the October to December quarter, Tata sold close to 99,000 vehicles and ended 2021 with sales of 3.31 lakh units.

Shailesh Chandra, President, Passenger Vehicles Business Unit, Tata Motors, said, "The overwhelming market response to Tata Punch launched in Oct '21 is further boosting demand for the company's "New Forever" range of cars and SUVs.

Tata's electric vehicle sales grew to 5,592 units in Q3 FY22 (growth of 345% vs Q3 FY21). EV sales also touched 10,000 units in 9MFY22 and crossed 2,000 monthly sales landmark for the first time in December 2021 (2,255 units).

Chandra said, "Going forward, semi-conductor supplies will remain the key source of uncertainty. Additionally, the impact of the new strain of Covid needs to be closely tracked. We will continue to work on business agility plan and take proactive actions to mitigate these risks."

SUV major M&M sold 17,722 PVs in Dec 2021, up 10% Y-o-Y while Skoda India's sales in December 2021 grew by 148% to 3,234 units. However, MG Motor and Honda Cars India reported slump in December 2021 sales.

LESS THAN NOV'S COLLECTION

GST mop-up in Dec at ₹1.29 lakh crore, 13% higher than last year's

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THE gross GST collection in December 2021 may have fallen short of ₹1.30 lakh crore by a couple of hundred crores, but it is still 13% higher than the collection in the same month last year, and 26% higher than that of in 2019.

Continuing with the trend of a healthy GST collection, December saw revenue mop-up of ₹1,29,780 crore. Of ₹1,29,780 crore, Central GST (CGST) was ₹22,578 crore, State GST (SGST) was ₹28,658 crore, Integrated GST (IGST) was ₹69,155 crore and compensation cess was ₹9,389 crore.

The total revenue of Centre and the states in December 2021 after settlement from IGST was ₹48,146 crore for CGST and ₹49,760 crore for the SGST.

According to a statement from the finance ministry, GST from import of goods was 36% higher in December 2021 and that from domestic transaction (including import of services) are 5% higher than the revenues from these sources during the same month last year.

MS Mani, Partner, Deloitte India, says that the GST collections reflect the continuing improvement in various macro-economic parameters and appear to have now established a consistent trend over the past few months. "The GST collections are high despite a reduction in the e-way bill generation during the same period possibly because of higher collection from the services sector accompanied by a continuing focus on implementation of technology based anti-evasion measures," he added.

Experts say that a relatively slower growth in GST collection from domestic transactions may be due to delayed recovery in contact-intensive services.

The total GST collection in the first nine months of 2021-22 went to ₹10.67 lakh crore, which is already more than last year's total collection of ₹8.65 lakh crore, and ₹9.44 lakh crore in 2019-20. Going by the current monthly average of ₹1.18 lakh crore, this year the total GST collection could easily surpass ₹14 lakh crore, the highest ever.

EXPRESS READ

DCM Ltd defaults in payment of interest, principal amount

New Delhi: DCM Ltd on Saturday informed that it has defaulted over the payment of interest and repayment of principal amount on loans taken from banks and financial institutions. It has defaulted on term loans from SBI, ICICI Bank and HDFC Bank, a regulatory filing from DCM Ltd said. The default has happened on January 1, 2022, it added. The total default amount is ₹56 lakh.

Vinod Kannan takes over as Chief Executive Officer at Vistara

New Delhi: Vinod Kannan took over as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Vistara airline on Saturday, a statement said. Kannan replaced Leslie Thng who was the CEO from July 16, 2017 to December 31, 2021. In its statement, Vistara said Deepak Rajawat has been elevated to take up the role of Vistara's Chief Commercial Officer from Saturday onwards.

Railway arm Braithwaite & Co. eyes IPO in 2025

DIPAK MONDAL @ New Delhi

BRAITHWAITE & Co. Ltd, a little-known subsidiary of the Indian Railways, is scripting the story of a stellar turn of fortune.

The company, which came into existence pre-independence and has since seen many lows (more lows than highs), has steered itself away from financial mess and inefficiency, and is aiming to run a profitable operation leading up to a possible stock market listing by 2025.

Kolkata-based Braithwaite and Co is a major manufacturer of railway wagons and cranes. It is also into fabrication of structural steel bridges, repairing/retro fitment, operations and maintenance of railway workshops, structural steel bridges, etc.

Sharing the revival story with The New Indian Express, Yatish Kumar, the chairman and managing director of the company, said the company and staff had the potential, only they needed someone to remind them of their strength and lead them out of the financial mess.

"When I joined the company in 2018, the company was only grossing around ₹100-130 crore in revenue. We were making cumulative losses for the past three years, our order book of only ₹400 crore and overhead to sale ratio was 35-40%, which means anything you do you were in soup," Kumar said.

The company had also breached the cash credit limit of ₹35 crore with the bank, and it had no money to pay salaries as salary was earned by interest-bearing loan by the bank. The company owed ₹35 crore to vendors and nobody was ready to make supplies.

After he took over the mantle of the company, the CMD says, he met every vendor, and asked them to give supplies on credit for 60 days, promising to make all the payments on time. He encouraged his team, which had an average age of 55 years to give everything to bring the company back on track.

"Within six months everything was changed. And today we are a fully debt free company. We have even paid back the ₹10 crore interest-free loan given by the government," he said, adding that today the company has ₹100 crore in fixed deposits, the order book has jumped from ₹400 crore to ₹1,600 crore and the turnover has moved from ₹130 crore to ₹700 crore.

The company's profit also rose from ₹2.63 crore in 2017-18 to ₹31 crore. This year, says Kumar, the company's profit is up 35% year-on-year.

According to Kumar, the turnaround was possible because the company diversified from just being a manufacturing company to also a servicing company. Today it has 10 verticals so that if one or two businesses do not do well, others could bolster its revenue. Once, 90% of its revenue used to come from wagon supply to railways, today wagon manufacturing accounts for only 46% of its revenue because of its diversified business and clientele. The company has recruited 300 people in the past three years taking the total employee strength to 600.

Now, the company has set its target of reaching ₹2,500 crore turnover and a possible IPO by 2025. Kumar says the company is now eligible for Miniratna Category 1 status, and they have already applied for the same. He is hopeful by January Braithwaite and Co. would become a Miniratna PSU.

FROM JAN 1, 2022

Commercial LPG cylinder price slashed by ₹102.50

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a big relief to people, oil marketing companies on Saturday cut the price of commercial 19-kg LPG cylinder by ₹102.50 apiece. As per the Indian Oil Corporation, a 19-kg gas cylinder will now cost ₹1,998 in Delhi from January 1, 2022.

The price cut is a big relief for commercial users as at ₹2,101 it was the second-highest price of 19-kg cylinder after 2012-13 when it cost around ₹2,200 per cylinder. Now, the commercial LPG is being sold at ₹105.18 a kg down from ₹111 a kg in Delhi.

However, there is no change in the price of domestic LPG cylinders. A 14.2-kg domestic LPG cylinder sold at ₹809 (₹56.97 per kg) in June 2021. The price rose to ₹899.50 apiece (₹63.35 per kg) in October 2021 and has been kept unchanged.

The 19-kg commercial LPG cylinders in Kolkata will now cost ₹2,072. The price of a 19-kg cylinder in Mumbai will now be ₹1,948.5, while in Chennai the cylinder will cost ₹2,132.

On December 1, price of a 19-kg LPG cylinders was increased by ₹100, bringing the prices to ₹2,101 in Delhi. On November 1, price of a 19-kg commercial cylinders saw a rise of ₹266. However, prices of domestic cylinders weighing 14.2 kg, 5 kg, 10 kg have not seen any price cut. State-owned oil marketing corporations Indian Oil, Bharat Petroleum and Hindustan Petroleum generally change the price of cylinders on the 1st and 15th of every month.

Chakravarthy made SAIL's Director (Commercial)

Vejendla Srinivasa Chakravarthy has taken charge as Director (Commercial) of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) on Dec 24. A chemical engineer from Laxminarayan Institute of Technology, Nagpur University, Chakravarthy joined SAIL in 1987 in its Central Marketing Organisation.

RITES gets IEI Industry Excellence Award

RITES Ltd., a Miniratna public sector enterprise, has been conferred 'IEI Industry Excellence Award 2021' by the Institution of Engineers (India) in the Engineering Services and Consultancy (ESC) category. The award, presented by Minister of Heavy Industries Mahendra Nath Pandey in New Delhi, recognises RITES' efforts towards innovation.

Business & Beyond

NBCC signs MoU with MDI Murshidabad

NBCC (India) Limited, a Navaratna CPSE, signed a memorandum of understanding with Management Development Institute, Murshidabad on Dec 24 for construction of MDI Murshidabad campus in next 5 years. Prof. (Dr.) Atmanand, Director, MDI, and AK Pathak, General Manager (Engg.), NBCC, along with faculty and staff were present during the ceremony.

GRSE opens safety training kiosks for staff

With an impetus on improving safety culture at workplace, Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Ltd., (GRSE), a Mini Ratna Category 1 Defence PSU, on Dec 27, inaugurated Group Safety Training Kiosk (GSTK) at its main unit. The kiosk was inaugurated by Rear Admiral VK Saxena, IN (Retd.), Chairman & Managing Director, GRSE. GSTK will work as a system-based safety training facility for workmen and minimise accident at workplace.

CPCL Polytechnic College receives BSI certification

CPCL Polytechnic College becomes the first BSI certified Polytechnic College in Tamil Nadu. Arvind Kumar, Managing Director, CPCL & Managing Trustee, CPCL Educational Trust, received the ISO 21001: 2018 certificate from Premanand Ramakrishnan, Operations Director - BSI Group of India Pvt. Ltd on Dec 24.

Progress of Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme

The reforms-based and results-linked, revamped distribution sector scheme (RDSS), launched by the Union power ministry, was aimed at improving the operational efficiencies and financial sustainability of state-owned DISCOMs/ power departments. Meghalaya and Assam have become the frontrunners under the scheme (Nodal Agency - REC).

Conway century boosts NZ on Day 1 vs B'desh

Devon Conway continued his prolific run-making in Test cricket with an innings of 122 which guided New Zealand to 258-5 at stumps Saturday on the first day of the first Test against Bangladesh. Conway struggled early, but as the pitch dried and switched its support from the bowlers to batsmen he settled, then began to flourish.

Loading: Mission Wander-land

VENKATA KRISHNA B @Chennai

TO say Virat Kohli lost his cool at Centurion in 2018 would be a massive understatement. Having landed in the Rainbow Nation full of hope for a series win, India's capitulation in successive Tests in Cape Town and Centurion was a tough pill to swallow for an ambitious captain. More than what unfolded in Cape Town, it was at Centurion where the hosts showed Kohli & Co how far away they were from winning games consistently away from home.

Even at the end of the Cape Town Test, the visitors believed they could still go on to win the series. They were so confident that then support staff led by Ravi Shastri even hosted a party. The upbeat mood turned sombre after the second Test. The end of match press conference with a livid Kohli turned into a heated exchange with journalists. The anger was visible. So was the desperation. Back then not a lot believed that this team could go on to win a Test series overseas.

But it was at the Wanderers that they really showed their mettle, one that would become a characteristic of this side going forward. On a pitch with exaggerated bounce where both sets of batters got hit, the match was halted as it the track was deemed unsafe. It only resumed after the match referee checked with both teams about whether they wanted to continue.

India skipper Virat Kohli during a practice session on Saturday | BCCI

It was India who wanted to get back on the field. When they notched up the win on Day 4, you could see the wheels turning.

As India head to Wanderers for the New Year's Test starting on January 3, they will enter the Bull Ring — where they have not lost a Test — fully aware a series win in South Africa is not a distant dream. It is very much in their sight. Given how they have fared in Australia and England over the past 12 months few would bet against it. "It's a beautiful position to be in, to be 1-0 up away from home, put the opposition under pressure again in the second Test is a golden opportunity for us and something that every player is looking forward to," Kohli told BCCI.tv. "This sets us up beautifully for the Wanderers, we can go out there and be more positive and optimistic. The new year is a very good marker to analyse how you played your cricket and I think we've played some outstanding cricket over the last 2-3 years, specially overseas. We are a side which is getting better and more confident with how much cricket we play," he added.

The Wanderers, like Centurion, provides conditions where the pitch is generally on the faster side with pacers getting good bounce and movement. These are the conditions that the Indian attack feasts on and if the batting unit provides good support, they could very well make history in Johannesburg. That they have started the tour on a winning note by breaching South Africa's fortress would give visitors more confidence. "Test series in South Africa in any place is not easy and Centurion is obviously the most difficult of them all. We ended up getting a result in four days is a testimony to the fact that we have become the side we have become today and strength of the squad was on full display. We were just looking for opportunities to win the game and that's how we play cricket now and given an opportunity at any stage we will pounce on it," Kohli added.

Although the batting unit witnessed two collapses in Centurion, there were some encouraging signs, especially in the manner in which Ajinkya Rahane and Rishabh Pant went about. The former appeared to be at his fluent best and seemed set for a good score in the first innings. Since landing in South Africa, the message to the batters from the support staff has been to tighten up around the off-stump and leave as many deliveries as possible. That their two collapses happened when they drifted away from the plan said a thing or two. Should they stick to it, they will no longer be a team of wanderers.

Weightlifting nat'ls deferred due to Covid

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

THE rising number of Covid-19 cases has started taking a toll on sporting activities planned in the country. The Indian Weightlifting Federation (IWLF) has decided to postpone the nationals scheduled in Bhubaneswar from January 8 to 16.

Similarly, the Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) has shifted the venue for 1st Open National Ranking Tournament from New Delhi to Uttar Pradesh due to the restrictions imposed in the national capital in the wake of the new Covid variant. The Ranking Tournament was scheduled from January 10-12 at the KD Jadhav Indoor Stadium, IG Sports Complex, New Delhi.

"We are in receipt of letter dated 30th December from Odisha government regarding postponement of dates of IWLF Youth (Boys & Girls), Junior (Men & Women) and Senior (Men and Women) National Weightlifting Championships-2021-22 at Bhubaneswar — now to be held from 20-29 March 2022. Due to force majeure circumstances owing to the rise of Covid-19 and Omicron pandemic cases in the country, we are left with no option but to postpone the championships as per guidelines of the Odisha government," said a circular sent to all affiliated units by the IWLF.

The circular also stated that there will be no change in final entries sent by the affiliated units and departmental boards. The postponement meant the meetings of executive council and general council of IWLF and referee examination at Bhubaneswar also got deferred.

Change in wrestling venue

Meanwhile, the WFI has decided to go ahead with the proposed National Ranking Tournament but changed the venue to Nandini Nagar, Gonda (Uttar Pradesh).

"A lot of restrictions are being imposed in the national capital because of a surge in the Covid cases. We are expecting a full house as we have received record entries for the event so we shifted the venue. Since the 2021 nationals was organised in Nandini Nagar recently, the venue is ready to host the tournament," said Vinod Tomar, WFI's assistant secretary.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Aparajith may open batting for TN in Ranji

ASHOK VENUGOPAL @Chennai

THE Tamil Nadu Ranji Trophy team led by Vijay Shankar plans to have a short camp for a week before leaving to Ahmedabad for the tournament. The damp weather in the city could spoil the team's practice schedules.

Already without services of a few senior players, Tamil Nadu will also miss the vice-captain Washington Sundar, who will be joining the India ODI squad in South Africa. Sources in the TNCA indicated that J Kousik or Hari Nishanth could be drafted in for Washington.

"We proposed to have a camp from Sunday to Jan 8 when the team will leave for Ahmedabad. Since there are no league matches, we wish to have a couple of two-day practice games. With the weather suddenly changing, we have to wait and see how much we can practice out-doors and have fruitful practice sessions," said M Venkataramana, head coach of Tamil Nadu.

Vijay and Mukund were a solid opening pair for Tamil Nadu across formats. With the duo not available, they experimented with various combinations before N Jagadeesan and B Aparajith came good in the white-ball tournaments, this season.

"It is hard to get replacements for Vijay and Abhinav. Aparajith, L Suryaprakash, M Kaushik Gandhi, V Ganga Sridhar Raju are the four players who can open the innings and two of them could make the XI. Aparajith should open the innings. Aparajith has the experience and he would be able to do a good job."

Full story: newindianexpress.com

City beat 10-man Arsenal

LONDON: Rodri scored a 93rd minute winner as Manchester City took another huge step towards retaining the Premier League title with a 2-1 win over 10-man Arsenal. Pep Guardiola's men are now 11 points clear at the top thanks to an 11-game winning run, but were made to toil until deep into stoppage time by the Gunners. A 5-0 thrashing to City when the sides last met in August saw Arsenal off to their worst start to a league season in 67 years.

But Mikel Arteta's men have rallied to rise to fourth and showed why as they deservedly led at half-time through Bukayo Saka's seventh goal of the season. Riyad Mahrez levelled from the penalty spot before Gabriel Magalhaes stupidly got himself sent off for two quickfire bookings just before the hour mark. **Results:** Arsenal **1-2** Man City; Watford **0-1** Tottenham. AFP

EXPRESS READ

Liverpool coach Klopp to miss Chelsea game

LONDON: Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp will miss his side's crucial PL clash at Chelsea on Sunday after a suspected positive coronavirus test. Klopp's assistant Pep Lijnders will take charge for the fixture at Stamford Bridge as third placed Liverpool try to keep pace with leaders Manchester City. As well as Klopp's test result, three other members of his backroom staff have tested positive.

PKL: Bengaluru Bulls, Telugu Titans split points

BENGALURU: A last-second tackle by Pawan Sehrawat helped Bengaluru Bulls pull off a thrilling 34-34 tie against Telugu Titans in the PKL in Bengaluru on Saturday. The other two games of the day also ended in a draw with Dabang Delhi tied on 30 with Tamil Thalaivas while it was 28 each when U Mumba played UP Yoddha.

U-23 champion sprinter Taranjeet fails dope test

NEW DELHI: India's fastest U-23 sprinter Taranjeet Kaur of Delhi has failed an in-competition dope test conducted by the National Anti-Doping Agency. She has been one of the country's best performing youngsters in 2021. She won gold in 100m and 200m races in the national U-23 meet.

BACK TO THE FUTURE

The year 2021 saw youngsters rise to the occasion & deliver. They will be gunning for glory in 2022. Here's a look at some of the young talents...

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O.A No.1718/2019

Between :
Canara Bank,
Padmanabha Nagar Branch ....APPLICANT

And
M/s.SPOSSH NATURALS & ANOTHER
....DEFENDANTS

MEMORANDUM OF SUMMONS UNDER SECTION 23 (VIII) DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (Procedure) Rules 1993 TO THE DEFENDANTS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

Whereas, an applicant has instituted an application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993, against you to repay the application Bank total of **Rs.24,18,693.91** (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Ninety Three and Ninety One Paisa Only) as on 31.10.2019 together with interest at the contracted Rate of 10.55% & 10.00% p.a+Penal 2% interest and future interest.

You are hereby required to show within 30 days from the date of publication of this summons or on **28.01.2022** at 10.30 a.m, in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted in case of the defaulter in your absence.

Take notice that in case of default of your appearance on the day mentioned here in before, proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this the **20.11.2021**.

Registrar,
Debts Recovery Tribunal-II
Bangalore.

Copy to Defendants

1. M/s.Spossh Naturals
Represented by its propreitor
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Office / at No.136,
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Samruddhi Layout,
Kumaraswamy Layout,
Bangalore-560078.
2. Sri.Shiva
S/o.Sri.Pandurangaiah,
Aged about 41 years,
R/at No.317, 7th Main,
3rd Cross, Kumaraswamy Layout,
Bangalore-560078

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from **SRI K.C.M. GOWDA** son of Sri K.Channappa who claimed to be the absolute owners in possession of Schedule property. If any persons has any claim, right, title or interest in the Schedule Property or any objection to the proposed sale, the same may be communicated to the undersigned along with supporting documents within 15 days from this day, to the undersigned. If no such claims are received within the above said period my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property treating as there is no claim whatsoever to the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and Parcel of the Immovable property being a Residential Vacant site bearing No.116, Gantiganahalli Village Panchayathi Katha No.147, presently comes under Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Yelahanka range, Bengaluru situated at Harohalli Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District, measuring East to West 70 Feet and North to South 35 Feet totally measuring 2450 Sq Feet and bounded on:

East by : Govt Mori & Road;
West by : Site belongs to Venkatappa;
North by : Site belongs to Nanjundappa;
South by : Site belongs to Ramaiah

SATHYANARAYANA .G, Advocate,
No.84, 8th Main, 9th Cross,
Sadashivanagar, Bengaluru-560 080.
Ph: 9343080908 Dt: 01.01.2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our client intends to purchase land together with construction standing thereon of New No. 115 (Old No. 115 & 116, Earlier No. 1 D), M.G. Road, Bangalore, PID No. 76-1-115, measuring appx 5356 sqft (497.6 Sq Metres), situated on Museum Road known as EMPIRE THEATRE, described in Schedule hereunder, from (1).Mr. Sanjay Kapoor, S/o Late Mr.Vijay C.Kapoor, residing at 192, VI Main, Defense Colony, Indiranagar, Bangalore (2).Mr.Narender Kapoor, son of late Harnamdas Kapoor, residing at Prem Nivas, # 1, Union Street, Bangalore- 560 001 (3).Mr.Arun Kapur, son of late Harnamdas Kapoor, aged about 77 years, residing at # 6, 12th Main, RMV Extension, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore- 560 080 (4)Mr.Kul Bhushan Kapoor, son of late Harnamdas Kapoor, residing at Prem Nivas , # 1, Union Street, Bangalore-560 001; (5).Mr.Kul Deepak Kapoor, son of late Harnamdas Kapoor, residing at Samhita Square, Flat BO, Block 2, Basavanagar Main Road, 'B' Sector, BTM Dollar's Scheme, Basavanagar, Bangalore- 560 035; (6).Mr.Vikram Kapur, son of late Harnamdas Kapoor, aged about 73 years, residing at Prem Nivas, # 1, Union Street, Bangalore- 560 001; (7). Mr. Ravinder Kapoor, S/o late Harnamdas Kapoor, aged about 79 yrs, r/at Prem Nivas, # 1, Union Street, Bangalore- 560 001 (8). Estate of Sathya Prakash Kapoor represented by its Executor Mr. Narender Kapoor, r/at Prem Nivas, # 1, Union Street, Bangalore- 560 001

This is to give notice to the Public that any person/s who claim any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to the Schedule property and/ or has any objections of any nature to the transaction should lodge such claim and / or objections in writing with the undersigned together with supporting documents within ten days from this date, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and our clients would proceed to complete the transaction, subject to compliance with the other formalities.

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No: HFW/KSMSCL/COVID-19/IFQ-51/09Drugs/2021-22 Dated: 01.01.2022

TENDER NOTIFICATION

Ref: 1. Quotation Notification No. HFW/KSMSCL/COVID-19/IFQ-51/09Drugs/2021-22, Date: 01.01.2022.

Nationwide Quotation is invited through **KSMSCL website** under KTPP (4a) Act 1999 and Rules 2000 for the following tender:

Quotation for Supply of Drugs, Chemical and Miscellaneous items for Covid -19 Treatment.

Details regarding specification, Terms and Conditions and other information are available in the **website www.kdlws.kar.nic.in** from **Dated: 01.01.2022 to 06.01.2022** The eligible firms shall Mail the quotations to KSMSCL in password protected PDF to E-mail **ID: ksdlwscovid19. procurement@gmail.com before 5:00 pm on 06.01.2022.**

Sd/- Managing Director,
DIPR/DDU/AAPL/RO2643/21-22 **KSMSCL, Bangalore.**

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No.: MMCRI/Sup(1)/Trauma/ReTender/10/2020-21 Date: 31.12.2021

RE TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)

Tenders are invited for the Supply of Furniture & other items to the Trauma Care Centre M.M.C & R I Mysore from the eligible Tenderers through e-Procurement mode.

Date of Submission of Tender in e-procurement	From: 31.12.2021
Pre - Bid Meeting	13.01.2022 at 12.00 PM In the Office of Director, Mysore Medical College & Research Institute, Mysore
Last Date for Uploading of Tender in e-procurement plat form on or before	31.01.2022 till 5.00 PM
Date and Time of Opening the Tender (Technical bid)	02.02.2022 at 11.00 AM Technical Bid (1st Cover)
Total Estimated cost of the Tender	Rs.1,40,00,000/-
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	3,50,000/- EMD should be submitted to E-procurement

The information containing the details of the scheme are available at the **https://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details, contact the office during the office hours.

Sd/- Director and Dean
DIPR/Mysore/Shirdi Sai/772/2021-22 Mysore Medical College & Research Institute, Mysore

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Competitive Tenders are invited for following. For more details please visit the E-Tendering Portal, **https://etenders.kerala.gov.in** or **www.kmml.com**

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POSSESSION NOTICE
Under Rule 8(1) (For Immovable Property)

Whereas,The undersigned being the Authorized officer of the State Bank of India under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (54 OF 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **25.10.2021** and calling upon the Borrower/s **1) Sri. Ravichandra M A** S/o Sri.Appanna Gowda and **2) Miss. Aishwarya M** D/o Sri. Ravichandra M A, Both are residing at: No.537, 4th Floor, Siri Nest, 1st Block, 8th Cross, Thimaiah Garden , R.T Nagar, Bangalore-560032 **And also at:** i) Flat No.401, 4th Floor, SLV Serenity, Jakkur Main Road, Yalahanka, Bangalore-560064 **ii) Sri.Ravichandra M A** S/o Sri. Appanna Gowda Chatra Maidana, Mudigere Taluk, Chikkamagaluru District-577132 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice **Rs.62,87,911/-** (Rupees Sixty two lakhs eighty seven thousand nine hundred and eleven only only) as on 22.10.2021 + interest from 23.10.2021 + incidental charges within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower /guarantors/ mortgager having failed to repay the amount demanded as per Demand Notice, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/guarantors/mortgager and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **30.12.2021**

The borrower/guarantors/ mortgager in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the State Bank of India for an amount of Rs.63,28,717/- (Rupees Sixty three lakhs twenty eight thousand seven hundred and seventeen only) as on 29.12.2021 and interest from 30.12.2021 plus expenses thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13(8) of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of Immovable property: SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY: All that piece and parcel of the developed portion of residentially present converted Sy.No.11/4 (conversion vide Official Memorandum dated 02.01.2003 bearing No. B.D.S ALN S.R (N.A) 151/2002-03 issued by the office of the Special Deputy Commissioner Bengaluru District Bengaluru) Present BBMP Khatha No. 978/329/11/4 situated at Jakkur Village, measuring 33 guntas with all rights appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on: East by :BDA Property and K.V Byregowda Land, West by :Road and House building belongs to the owner herein the same Sy.Number, North by :J.M Chandrappa's land bearing Sy.No.11/4, South by : BDA Property and Land belongs to Lakshmamma and Smt.Muniyamma Property.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY: 381Sq.ft undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' Property.

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY: A flat bearing No.401 in the 4th Floor measuring 1206 Sq.ft super built up area containing Two Bedrooms, together with one converted car parking spaceincluding proportionate share in common areas such as passage, Lobbies, Staircase, Terrace, contained in the multistoried building to be constructed on the Schedule 'C' Property known as 'SLV SERENITY'and held in the name of Miss. Aishwarya M & Sri.Ravichandra M A.

Place :Bengaluru
Date : 30.12.2021

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India,
RACPC Malleshwaram Bengaluru

CITY CORPORATION OFFICE, DAVANAGERE
OPP. RAILWAY STATION, OLD PB. ROAD, DAVANAGERE - 577002.
08192-252899, 212008, FAX: 08192-252899

No: DCC/EE-1/E/Tender/33/2021-22 Date : 30.12.2021

Tender Notification
(Through e-Procurement Portal)

Davanagere City Corporation, Davanagere invites tenders in single/double cover system through e-procurement portal. Eligible contractors/ agencies/ suppliers can participate in the tender on the e-procurement portal website **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** 2021-22 of 15th Finance Commission General Basic Grant - 04 Works, 2019-20 of 14th Finance Commission General Basic Grant (Pending) - 02 works, 2021-22 General Fund - 43 Works, Vajpeyee Civic Site Project-01 Work, 2018-19 S.F.C. Grands S.C.S.P (Pending) - 01, Total 51 Works,

(1) Date and Time of Pre - Bid Meeting **(Works above Rs.100.00 Lakhs Only) : 11.01.2022 at 16.30 PM,** (2) Last Date & Time for Obtaining Information Regarding Tender:**17.01.2022 at 16.30 PM,** (3) Last Date of Submission of Tenders : **17.01.2022 at 17.00 PM,** (4) Date of Opening of Tenders Technical Bids : **18.01.2022 at 11.00 AM,**

Short Term Works : (1) Last Date & Time for Obtaining Information Regarding Tender : **11.01.2022 at 16.30 PM,** (2) Last Date of Submission of Tenders : **11.01.2022 at 17.00 PM,** (3) Date of Opening of Tenders : **13.01.2022 at 11.00 AM.** More details can be obtained from Office the City Corporation office website **www.davanagerecity.mrc.gov.in** and from the Procurement Assistant Telephone Number: **+91-8046010000 +91-8068948777.**

Sd/- Commissioner,
DIPR/Davangere/Shirdi Sai/595/2021-22 **City Corporation, Davanagere**

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NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER Date: 30/12/2021

The Superintending Engineer, Bhabha Atomic Research Centre, Mysuru, invites for & on behalf of the President of India, sealed item rate tenders from experienced contractors with sound technical & financial capacity for the following work:-

Tender reference No.	**BARC-M/GSD/ESS/TOWNSHIP REVMP. & MAINT./WT-04/2021**
Name of work	REVAMPING AND MAINTENANCE WORKS OF DEPARTMENT TOWNSHIP ELECTRICAL INSTALLATIONS AT BARC, MYSORE (YEAR 2022-2023)
Estimated Cost	₹ **28.60 Lakhs** (Rupees Twenty-Eight Lakhs Sixty Thousand only)
Earnest Money	**Nil. Form of Bid Security Declaration to be submitted.**
Period of Completion	**12 Months**
Security Deposit	2.5% of tendered value
Performance Guarantee	3.0% of tendered value
Processing fee	NIL
Tender Sale Period	**From 03/01/2022 (11:00 Hrs.) to 14/01/2022 (15:00 Hrs.)**
Due date & time for submission of Tender	**22/01/2022 upto 15:00 Hrs.**
Date & time of opening of technical bid	**28/01/2022 upto 15:30 Hrs.**

Interested tenderers may please refer detailed Notice Inviting e-Tender (NIT) for eligibility criteria and other details, which can be downloaded from these websites: ***https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app*** and ***www.barc.gov.in*** .

Note: Non-compliance of submission of Form of Bid Security Declaration would amount to suspension from bidding for this tender and also future tenders for a period of 3 years as decided by the Superintending Engineer.

Sd/-
Superintending Engineer, BARC
For & on behalf of the President of India

QuoteExpress THE SECRET OF GETTING AHEAD IS GETTING STARTED › MARK TWAIN

An endangered leopard captured in Iraq's mountainous north had its hind leg amputated on Friday following a trap-inflicted wound. The Persian leopard, taken in a day earlier in Iraq's autonomous Kurdistan region near the border with Turkey had injured two people.

The number of hospital staff ill or self-isolating more than doubled from 11,375 on November 29 to 24,362 on December 26; despite the surge, PM Johnson has not increased curbs in the festive period

England grapples with health crisis as Covid-hit hospital staff miss duty

NHS England has already started building temporary field hospitals to contain a possible overspill of inpatients if beds in main hospitals become full | AFP

COVID

LONDON: Hospital staff absences due to Covid have more than doubled in a month in England as the virus surge puts strain on beds, according to data published on Friday.

The number of hospital staff ill or self-isolating due to the virus rose from 11,375 on November 29 to 24,362 on December 26, The National Health Service (NHS) England said.

The "sharply increasing staff absences" coincide with "a 10-month high for the number of patients," warned national medical director Stephen Powis.

The number of patients in hospital with Covid in the UK reached 11,898 on Wednesday, the highest level since early March, and a rise of 40 per cent in a week.

The NHS "is on a war footing and staff remain braced for the worst," he added.

The UK is one of Europe's worst-hit countries with a death toll of 148,421. It reported 189, 846 new cases on Friday, slightly above Thursday's figure and a new record.

NHS England reported that only 67 per cent of Covid patients were receiving treatment primarily for the virus, however, with others testing positive after being admitted with other conditions..

NHS England has already started building temporary field hospitals to contain a possible overspill of inpatients if beds in main hospitals become full.

It plans to make available as many as 4,000 "super-surge beds", in some cases using existing hospital facilities such as gyms or education centres.

It is also trying to free up hospital beds by sending medically fit patients to care homes, hospices and even hotels.

Despite the surge in cases, Prime Minister Boris Johnson has opted not to increase virus curbs over the festive period in England, unlike the devolved governments in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

The prime minister is focusing on encouraging the public to take up booster jabs, so far administered to more than 33 million.

In a New Year's Eve message he urged people to "make it your New Year's resolution—far easier than losing weight or keeping a diary."

The UK medical regulator MHRA also announced Friday that it has approved Pfizer's new antiviral pill for over-18s.

The Paxlovid pill for high-risk people with Covid was authorised by the US FDA for those aged 12 and over.

Pfizer says trials prove the pill reduces hospitalisation and deaths among at-risk people by almost 90%.

Strict quarantine rules in Philippines' capital

The Philippines will tighten coronavirus restrictions in the capital Manila over fears of an "exponential growth" in cases due to the highly-contagious Omicron, the government said. The metropolis of 13 mn will be placed on the 3rd-highest level of alert from Monday until Jan 15, under a new system that aims to balance the need to contain infections with the reopening of the economy, which has been hit hard by the virus. Restaurants, parks, churches and beauty salons will open at lower capacities to limit mobility

Covid is hard, but focus on the good, says Pope

In his New Year's wishes, Pope Francis encouraged people to focus on the good which unites them and decried violence against women while acknowledging that the pandemic has left many scared and struggling amid economic inequality. "We are still living in uncertain and difficult times due to the pandemic," Francis said. "Many are frightened about the future and burdened by social and personal problems, dangers stemming from the ecological crisis, injustices and by global economic imbalances"

Pandemic clouds New Year parties globally

The world ushered in 2022 with scaled-back celebrations due to new restrictions aimed at slowing Covid. New York revived its New Year's Eve ball drop in Times Square in limited form, Paris nixed its fireworks show over rising Omicron cases and London's pyrotechnic display was broadcast on TV to discourage crowds. But the scaled-down New York event welcomed fewer revellers than in previous years, with about 15,000 people. All were required to show proof of vaccination at the event

EXFILE • NEUROSCIENCE

'UNFOLDING' THE MYSTERIES OF THE HUMAN BRAIN

The human brain is said to be one of the most complex objects in the universe, with billions of neurons, and millions of axons having a combined length of many hundred thousand miles. It has also been established that early-developmental issues of this prime organ could lead to disorders such as epilepsy and smooth brain. In a recent study, a couple of researchers from the Binghamton University in New York, tried to explore the relationship of the complex fold structure of the human brain—grooves and wrinkles—to these disorders. Here's a lowdown

DIFFERENTIAL TANGENTIAL GROWTH HYPOTHESIS

This most accepted theory makes the assumption that the outer layer of the brain grows faster than the inner layer. This differential rate of growth puts more compressive pressure on the outer layer and forces it to fold and buckle, leading to the formation of grooves

WHAT DID THE RESEARCHERS DO?

Mir Jalil Razavi and Weiying Dai used computer modelling and advanced imaging to verify the Tangential Growth hypothesis

The computer model confirmed the hypothesis that the mismatch in the growth rates can cause the outer layer to buckle

Another study, on Nature Physics also had the same results

HOW COULD THE STUDY HELP?

Better understanding of the human brain will help cure disorders like epilepsy, smooth brain, etc.

Since many of these developmental disorders start during the early years of growth, understanding the folding mechanism of the human brain will prove beneficial

MAX SURFACE-TO-VOLUME RATIO

The folding happens because it maximises the surface-to-volume ratio and relieves the compressive pressure on the outer layer

This allows the brain to pack in more neurons in the available space

1500 CC The average cranial capacity of modern humans is around 1,400 to 1,500 CC

THE AXONS' ROLE

Axons are elongated, wire like structures that snake away from the neuron cell. The study found that if a brain area has a high density of axons then it forms a ridge (gyrus) and if there is a low density, then valleys (sulcus) are formed. This also indicates that the number of axons in the brain has a role in the origin of autism and schizophrenia

BASIC STRUCTURE OF THE BRAIN

In easily comprehensible terms, the human brain is made up of two layers—the outer and the inner

The outer layer is called the cerebral cortex and is made up of folded grey matter that consists of small blood vessels and spherical cell bodies of neurons

On the other hand, the inner layer is composed of white matter, which primarily consists of elongated neuron tails called myelinated axons

GYRIFICATION

The process by which the folds form on the brain is called gyrification. It starts along with the development of the foetus

The fold peaks are called gyrus and troughs are called sulcus

The abnormal development of the brain—either high or low folding rates—could lead to complex disorders like schizophrenia

86 BN

The human brain has around 86 billion neurons and millions of axons with a total distance of many miles

FOLDING MATTERS

The model developed by researchers found that if the outer layer is thicker than normal, it could result in lower folds, which could cause a condition called smooth brain that could lead to stunted development and even death. On the other hand, if the outer layer is thinner, then excessive folding could lead to neurological problems such as seizures or paralysis

Warmest New Year's Eve in UK

CLIMATE

LONDON: The United Kingdom on Friday experienced its warmest New Year's Eve on record with temperatures hovering around 15 degrees Celsius, the Met Office said.

The village of Ryehill in Yorkshire in northern England recorded a temperature of 14.9 C at 11 am on Friday, breaking a previous record of 14.8 C set in Wales in 2011, Met Office spokesperson Stephen Dixon said.

The Met Office later tweeted that the village of Coningsby in Lincolnshire in the East Midlands had recorded 15.3C "meaning today is the warmest New Year's Eve on record for the UK". Temperatures of 15 C were forecast for several cities including London and Cardiff on Friday. "we are ending 2021 on a very mild note across the UK," the Met Office said.

Despite the warm conditions, the UK celebrates New Year's Eve in muted fashion without the usual grandiose fireworks displays in London and Edinburgh, and with nightclubs closed and limits on social gatherings in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

HONG KONG BAN ON IVORY SALES KICKS IN

WILDLIFE

HONG KONG: A ban on selling most ivory products in Hong Kong came into effect on Friday, the culmination of a three-year process to eliminate the once rampant trade.

Hong Kong lawmakers in 2018 backed a bill opting for a gradual phasing out of the trade—a move some conservationists at the time criticised as a loophole that could be exploited.

The city has been accused of playing an oversized role in the industry, with one 2019 report by a local conservation group saying it accounted for around a fifth of all global ivory seizures in the last decade. On the eve of the ban, small queues of shoppers were spotted outside some stores selling the product in the city's Sheung Wan district, according to local media reports.

Friday's new rules ban the "import, re-export, and commercial possession of elephant ivory", but make an exception for antique pieces dating from before 1925. Offenders could face a maximum fine of $1.3 million and 10 years' imprisonment.

With its busy port and other transport links, Hong Kong had thrived as a major transit point for illegal trade in parts of endangered animals like elephants, rhinos and pangolins—most of it headed for consumers in mainland China.

Hong Kong authorities in 2017 made their biggest ivory bust in three decades, with the haul of 7.2 tonnes of tusks valued at around $9 million.

Authorities seized another 2.1 tonnes in 2019—after the phasing-out process had begun. African ivory was a sought-after status symbol in China and used to fetch as much as $1,100 a kg. China's own ban on the ivory trade has been in force since 2018. A spokesman for Hong Kong's Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department said the government was "committed to the protection of endangered species, including elephants".

FACT OF THE MATTER

Tesla recalls 6,75,000 cars

TECHNOLOGY

Tesla has recalled 6,75,000 cars in the US and China over issues with the trunk and front hood of two models, raising new questions about the safety of the popular electric vehicle. Chinese regulators announced the recall of almost 2,00,000 cars on Friday, hours after some 4,75,000 Tesla vehicles were flagged in the US. The problems with the trunk and hood increase the risk of crashes, according to US and Chinese regulators. Authorities said the repeated opening and closing of the trunk of the Model 3 can damage a cable for the rearview camera. An issue with the latch assembly for the front hood of the Model S could cause it to open without warning and obstruct the driver's visibility, according to the US National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA). Tesla esimates that the problems affect one percent of Model 3 vehicles and 14 percent of the Model S recalled in the United States, without causing any accidents so far.

FIRST SUNSET OF 2022

People enjoying their first sunset of the year at Broken Bridge in Chennai on Saturday | DEBADATTA MALLICK

Euro notes and coins turn 20

HISTORY

The European Central Bank is celebrating the 20th anniversary of euro notes and coins as member countries wrestle with the pandemic's impact on the economy and the European Union forges a new level of financial cooperation to help boost the recovery. The event is being marked at midnight New Year's Eve with a light display in blue and yellow, the colors of the EU, projected on its skyscraper headquarters in Frankfurt, Germany. The introduction of notes and coins in 12 countries on January 1 2002, was a massive logistical undertaking that followed up on the introduction of the euro for accounting purposes and electronic payments three years earlier. Today, the euro is used in 19 of 27 EU countries. The cash introduction saw new euro notes and coins quickly replace German Marks, French Francs and Italian Lire in ATMs, cash registers, and wallets.

CULTURE OF REMEMBRANCE

Vienna Nazi art show seeks to address WWII legacy

ART

VIENNA: In a Vienna museum, Nazi-era art crams two small rooms, some still in storage boxes. A painting of Vienna's opera features Nazi flags, a swastika is woven into a tapestry.

The pieces are part of an exhibit in the Austrian capital aiming to shed light on the politics of art under the Third Reich—one of the latest ways in which Vienna is seeking to address its complicated war-era past.

Austria, the birth place of Adolf Hitler, long cast itself as a victim after being annexed by Nazi Germany. Only in the past three decades has the country begun to examine seriously its role in the Holocaust.

The exhibit's curators are hoping their research will help in that process—but they have been careful not to give the artworks too much of an "aura".

Austria had a Jewish population of 200,000 before Nazi Germany annexed the country in 1938. More than 65,000 of them were killed in the Holocaust, which exterminated six million Jews.

Instead of being displayed on the museum's large walls, the works are packed into just two rooms, as if in a warehouse.

"This can't be like other exhibitions in the classical sense... it had to be broken up," curator Ingrid Holzschuh told *AFP*.

Nazi-era art works on display in two small rooms at an exhibition in Vienna | AFP

The show came about after four years of research by Holzschuh and fellow curator Sabine Plakolm-Forsthuber, who combed through the membership files of 3,000 artists who officially belonged to the Reich's artistic association after the Nazi annexation.

The artists were all carefully vetted and closely watched.

"Aspiring members needed to meet the Nazi regime's artistic, political and racial criteria," says material for the show.

"Political dissidents and Jewish artists were barred."

Under the regime, Viennese artists who did not comply with the new rules were forced to flee or murdered in concentration camps, according to the show's catalogue.

"The Nazi regime secured control of the art world and steered it in accordance with its ideological and racist vision," it says.

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